

*Welcome to St. Mary's
UCC. Because we believe
the risen Christ is in our
midst, we also believe we
should never place a
period where God has
placed a comma.*

St. Mary's United Church of Christ

Founded 1762



Order of Worship March 12, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Lent

You are invited to use the time before the service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Prayer

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*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,
**who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain
from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.**

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for You, O God.

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,
**who pours out living water on all who thirst. Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever, Amen.**

*Hymn #59 (Chalice)

This Is My Father's World

Call to Confession

Prayer of Reconciliation

(from Psalm 51)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according
to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us
thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a
clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not
away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing
spirit. Amen.**

Throughout the worship
liturgy, you are invited to
respond with all of the words
in **bold**.

*Asterisk indicates please
rise in body or spirit.

Hymns are chosen from the
"black" *New Century Hymnal*
or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal*
located in the back of your
pew.

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 (page 64)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 (page 94)

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without
end. Amen.*

Sermon: Lent: One Thing Lead to Another...

We Respond

Hymn #558 (Chalice) Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here
below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to
you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful
offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice
and comfort to all the world. Amen.

We Are Sent

Hymn #452 (Chalice) Here I am, Lord

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Sewell**

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am – Adult Sunday
School

9:15 am – Children's Sunday
School

10:30am – Hybrid In-Person
and Online Worship

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joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?**

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office.*

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office
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