



*Welcome!*

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

## Order of Worship

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10:30 am

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### We Gather

#### Welcome

**Prelude**                      **When Peace Like A River**    **Bliss/arr. Wagner**

#### \*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### **And also with you!**

We've come to worship God,  
**who loved us before we were yet born,**  
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
**who carefully and beautifully designed us,**  
whose presence never leaves us,  
**and whose love for us never ceases.**

This is our God.

**Let's worship together! Glory to 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 #505(NCH)**

**Sweet Hour Of Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

*You are invited to use the time before 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.*

#### **Worship Liturgy**

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.

## Prayer of Confession

Sometimes, O God, it is easy to forget that you are still working on us. We are unfinished: still growing in knowledge of you and ourselves, still growing in compassion, still shedding the sin and weight that so easily entangles us. Forgive us for all the times we show complacency towards you, towards ourselves, towards our neighbors, and allow us to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, to follow you more nearly. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you call you people to care for the poor and vulnerable, showing compassion to all. As we feel the strain of sacrifice, let us all the know the depth of your love and the power of your healing; that we, trusting in your presence, might love our neighbors as you love us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## We Hear

**Epistle: James 5: 13-15 (page 231)**

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 77: 1-10

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints. *Selah*

**You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

I consider the days of old and remember the years of long ago.

**I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:**

"Will the Lord spurn forever and never again be favorable?

**Has his steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at an end for all time?**

Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah*

**And I say, "It is my grief that the right hand of the Most High has changed."**

**Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4 (page 7)**

**Thanks** to the following people for helping with service today:

### Reader:

Belinda Finn

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Jane Sharpe

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### Consistory Person of the Month:

Angela Bonarrigo

### Back-Up:

Lisa Davis

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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**\*Gospel Response:**

**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. Amen!**

**Sermon:**

**Turntable Gospel:**

**"Born in the USA" by Bruce Springsteen**

*(see insert for lyrics)*

**We Respond**

**\*Hymn #178 (NCH) We Have the Strength to Lift and Bear  
(to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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**

**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.**

**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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**Church Staff**

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*

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**Are you interested in joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?**

*Please contact the church office.*

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**Pastoral Emergencies**

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

**Prayer Chain**

**Contacts:**

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

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**Church Office Hours**

Mondays 9 - 1

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**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to freely offer to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #537(NCH)**

**Christians, Rise and Act Your Creed**

**We Are Sent**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-fold Amen**

**\*Postlude**

**Voluntary on "Engleberg"**

**Standford/arr. Wagner**