

*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

May 28th 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost

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

Canon in D

Pachelbel

*Call to Worship

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

Alleluia, Amen!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Renew our lives, inside and out. Renew our faith, renew our relationships, renew our trust in your mercy.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Renew our lives, inside and out. Challenge us, comfort us, stir us up, calm us down.

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Renew our lives, inside and out. With fire and wind, come to this place; gather us in, send us out;

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Renew our lives, inside and out. Make our legs stronger, our hands firmer, our hearts wider in love.

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Renew the face of the earth. 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. Alleluia, Amen!

*Hymn #237 (Chalice)

On Pentecost They Gathered

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who on this day strengthened the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the

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.

Liturgy of Baptist and Confirmation (*see insert*)

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.

*Offertory Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we bring these gifts with full hearts and with glad obedience. In these gifts, let your way of sacrifice and abundance be revealed in us and our neighbors. In these gifts, may we learn of the truth of your love for all people. In these gifts, may we discover a full life of purpose and commitment. In these gifts, may we taste and see grace eternal. Amen.

We Commune

Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. We are here because Jesus has called us –

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and our highest calling to give thanks unto You, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Word made flesh, incarnate by the Holy Spirit, conceived by the Virgin Mary. Taking our humanity upon himself, he was crucified for us all, and in your great power he arose and defeated death and hell...

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past, and who sing around your throne, as we join their everlasting hymn, the song of the cherubim and seraphim.

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty

The whole universe speaks of your glory,

O God Most High!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

We remember....

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole.

**Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.**

Breaking of Bread

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Call to the Table

Reception of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.

May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God, whose Spirit, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #431 (Chalice)**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

We Are Sent

Benediction

Benediction Response

A Choral Benediction

Besig

In loving memory of Sandy Lloyd

***Postlude**

O God, Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School

9:15 am – Children's Sunday School

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

Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*

Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*

Jane Sharpe, *Choir Director*

Alice Buckner, *Bell Choir Director*

Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Secretary*

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Sabrina Hodge, *Administrative Associate*

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

Please contact the church office.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office
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