

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 22nd, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

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

*Hymn #585 (Chalice)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Call to Worship (written by Katherine Hawker)

Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and those who seek find, and to each who knocks, it will be opened.

Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence among us. Let us resound with the leper's faith:

If you choose, you can make me whole.

Christ responds:

"I do choose!"

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you things that surpass our imaginations. Pour into our hearts such love for you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

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.

We Hear

1st Reading

James 5:7-11, 13-16

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Responsive Reading Psalm: 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-9

(page 96)

***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: House of Merit, House of Mercy

We Respond

***Hymn #371 (Chalice)**

Wade in the Water

Prayers of Healing

This morning, we'll offer a time for prayers of healing. When invited, you are free to come forward to the altar for anointing and prayer. You'll be asked for any specific needs (and they could be anything – illness, mental health, sin, anxiety, anything). At that time, a prayer will be said and a small cross will be made on your forehead with oil, a symbol of healing and wholeness. Feel free to remain at the altar rail for prayer, or return to your seats.

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

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

In-Person Greeters:
Taffy & Lynn Crosley

Online Greeter:
Rachel Hutchison

Reader:
Leeann Sanders
Consistory Person of the Month:

Stacy Fourhman

Back-Up:
Rachel Hutchison

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Steve and Linda Matthias' 50th Anniversary and Maw-maw's (Linda) Birthday.

Tech sponsorship is in celebration of Josh Brown's 18th birthday on May 24th! (It's fitting for the "tech person" to receive a tech sponsorship!) Given with love from Mom, Dad, Andy, and Ryan.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Please note the service is being broadcast simultaneously on Facebook Live and by attending, you are giving implicit permission for your video or audio to be transmitted out on the internet.

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

Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. May this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world that you have made. Amen.

We Are Sent

*Hymn #560 (Chalice)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Benediction

*Threefold Amen

* Postlude

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

Lisa Brown, *Treasurer*

Lisa Kilmartin, *Administrative*

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

Please contact the church office.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office

or call/text Pastor Sam

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Prayer Chain Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the

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Church Office Hours

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