

August 3, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace be yours!

We begin with “thank you’s.” So many of you volunteer your time Let us, in all that we do, give thanksgiving to God through the Risen Christ!

Now that we have entered August, we are beginning to shift toward fall programs and activities at St. Paul Church. The chancel and bell choirs will reconvene soon. Sunday school, youth programming and confirmation begin the second week of September. Bibles will be presented to children on Sunday, September 12. The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister of the United Church of Christ will worship with us Sunday, September 19.

Backpacks will be blessed for the coming school year during worship on Sunday, August 15. Children and youth can place their backpacks on the chancel floor prior to worship, picking them up at the end of the service. Postcards announcing this will go out, hopefully, later this week.

During the month of August, the Mission Team is promoting Church World Service’s Ration Challenge—to raise funds to supplement the meager amounts of food given to Syrian refugees. While there are many ways to donate, one is to eat, for one week, the food given to a refugee. Food packs can be picked up in the sanctuary or church office. See Pastor Becky or Brenda Haynes if you want more information.

We are seeking a volunteer who has a drone with a digital camera or video camera to film the roof and spouting of our buildings. Please see John Mohrman if you can assist with this.



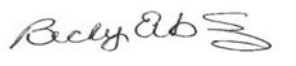
Worship Team met recently to plan for fall worship. While it is not set in stone, we are tentatively planning to begin Saturday evening worship on the first Saturday of each month beginning in October. The plan is to offer a Saturday evening worship service on

communion weekends. While many of you would like to see the Saturday worship come back fulltime, we simply do not have the staffing to make that happen at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

Blessings,

		
Roland Dicke Council President	Myra Hanenkratt Council VP	Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

### Financial Information as of Aug 3, 2021

#### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$4,180.14 (weekly)  
Endowment Transfers \$14,117.00(ytd)  
Income \$175,445.71(ytd)  
Expenses \$184,960.23(ytd)  
Balance **(\$9,514.52)** (ytd)

#### Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37  
Income \$40,968.00 (ytd)  
Endowment Income \$2,535.26(ytd)  
Expenses \$36,942.75 (ytd)  
Balance \$80,204.88 (ytd)

#### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20  
Income \$18,294.00 (ytd)  
Expenses \$9,756.48(ytd)  
Balance \$14,787.72  
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15  
Bless Pantry Inc. \$17,206.00(ytd)  
Bless Pantry Ex. \$9,314.01(ytd)  
BP Balance \$15,773.14

#### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$558.00(weekly)  
Income \$16,970.00 (ytd)

#### Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)  
Balance \$3,443.00(ytd)

AUGUST 8, 2021  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Eternal life begins now through faith in Jesus.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	Rules for the new life
Wednesday	Colossians 1:9-14	Paul thanks God
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*  
John 6:35 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, give us faith to see in Jesus the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear Bread of Life, we thank you that with this gift of food, we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8 and John 6:35)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God come to you and bless you with faith and hope through Christ our Lord.



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AUGUST 8, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*We Are an Offering*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that you look forward to?
- How do your hopes for the future affect your life today?
- How does faith in Jesus impact your life today and in the future?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:35, 41-51.

Twice in this text Jesus says "I am the bread of life" (vv. 35 and 48). He also says "I am the living bread" (v. 51). These words create tension with those who object to Jesus making such claims about himself. This text acknowledges that the uniqueness of Jesus causes a divide between those who accept Jesus' identity and those who do not. This passage does not try to explain why some believe while others do not, except to note that those who believe in Jesus do so by God's power. Jesus also states that believing in him as the one who is the bread of life gives not just life but eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives begins now, not just at some future time. It is not for us to understand how one comes to believe in Jesus as the bread of life, except to know that it is a gift from God. Jesus is the source of life that begins now and knows no end. It is a life entered through faith in Jesus, the one whose life feeds the world in hope. How is it helpful for you to know that eternal life with God has already begun?

Pray: **Living God, give us Jesus, the bread of life, that we may live each day in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Ephesians 4:26 says: "do not let the sun go down on your anger." Anger that festers against others destroys relationships and entire communities. Take time this week to reflect on those with whom you may have experienced conflict. Pray for a clean heart that forgives this person and that you can receive forgiveness from this person.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes we are focused on the future or on disappointments in life and miss God's care for us now. Write a list of ways God's eternal care blesses your life today. After composing the list pray: **Gracious God, thank you for caring for [name what is on your list]. Thank you for the gift of life that blesses me now and in the future. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

# Proverbs

## Prologue: Purpose and Theme

The proverbs of Solomon son of David,  
king of Israel:

- 1 Attaining wisdom and discipline;
- 2 understanding words of insight;
- 3 for acquiring a disciplined and prudent  
life,
- 4 doing what is right and just and fair;
- 5 for giving audience to the simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the  
young,
- 6 let the wise listen and add to their  
learning,
- 7 and let the discerning  
8 for understanding proverbs and  
parables,  
9 the sayings and riddles of the wise.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning

## Exhortations to Embrace Wisdom

### Warning Against Enticement

- 8 Listen, my son, to your father's  
instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's  
teaching.
- 9 They will be a garland to grace your  
head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.
- 10 My son, if you are called to go,  
do not delay to go,  
for you will be pleased with us;  
let's lie in wait  
let's waylay some  
let's swallow them alive,  
in their grave,

they waylay only  
19 Such is the end of all who go after  
ill-gotten gain;  
it takes away the lives of those who  
get it.

### Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom

- 20 Wisdom calls aloud in the street,  
she raises her voice in the public  
squares;
- 21 at the head of the noisy streets<sup>a</sup> she  
cries out,  
in the gateways of the city she  
makes her speech:
- 22 How long will you simple ones<sup>b</sup> love  
your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in  
mockery  
and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 If you had responded to my rebuke,  
I would have poured out my heart  
to you  
and made my thoughts known to  
you.
- 24 But since you rejected me when I  
called  
and no one gave heed when I  
stretched out my hand,  
25 since you ignored all my advice  
and would not accept my rebuke,  
26 in turn will laugh at your disaster;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes  
you—
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a  
storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like  
whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm  
you.
- 28 Then they will call to me but I will  
not answer;  
they will look for me but will not

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**Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!**

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we welcome you to this service of worship. We hope that you will find it meaningful.

**August 8, 2021**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Dick Hudson

Cheyenne Olt

Sally Dicke

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Organist

Accompanist/Vocalist

Liturgist

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WELCOME SONG

## No Matter

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No mat-ter who, — no mat-ter what — no mat-ter where you are on the  
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. — No mat-ter  
who, — no mat-ter what, — no mat-ter where you are on the  
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses | Last time, Fine

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Book of Worship, United Church of Christ)

Leader: God knows us and our hungers.

**People: God loves us like a mother.**

Leader: God nurtures us like a father.

**People: God draws us to each other and claims us as the people of God.**

Leader: Knowing this, let us worship God.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

F C E C Dm C F A7 E Dm G7 D C

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing;  
 2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

F7 Bb Dsus D Dsus E A7 D D C Gm Bb Dm A Gm7 F A C

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won-drous prais-es speak.  
 send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe.

*Refrain*  
 N.C. C C E N.C. C E F F Eb Bb D F C C7 F

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
 Re - joice, re - joice,

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence, our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen; give thanks; and live.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## GLORIA PATRI

## *Glory Be to the Father*

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## Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The score includes various chord symbols above the vocal line, such as Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, F, Eb, Bb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb6, Bb, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab, Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Bb, Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Fm7, Ab, Eb, Bb, Gm, Bb, Bb7, and Eb.

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Today we begin a worship series from the Book of Proverbs. We have a pretty good idea of what a proverb is: a wise saying. So, to get us primed for today's sermon and the coming weeks as we focus on Proverbs, I brought some proverbs—some wise sayings—with me to worship today.

I may need to rephrase that. Some of these sayings are wise and some most definitely are not. I will need your help today determining which sayings are wise and which are foolish. Let us begin:

It is okay to run with scissors. (Wise or Foolish?)

You should always chew your food. (Wise or Foolish?)

Never tie your shoes. (Wise or Foolish?)

Never listen to your parents. (Wise or Foolish?)

You should be kind to others. (Wise or Foolish?)

Only eat candy. (Wise or Foolish?)

Read your Bible every day. (Wise or Foolish?)

Put cheese in your ears. (Wise or Foolish?)

You should not steal. (Wise or Foolish?)

Eat mustard on your ice cream. (Wise or Foolish?)

Here is the truth about life: Each and every day we are faced with all kinds of decisions—and most decisions are much more difficult than knowing whether or not to put cheese in your ears. Sometimes we know what is the right thing to do, but we don't do it. Other times, we know what is wrong, but we do it anyway.

In James 1:5 we hear, "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."

In the coming weeks, as we dive deeper into Proverbs, I encourage you to seek God's wisdom for your life.

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys: Birth Candle** welcomes Everly Ann Dicke born July 12, 2021. Everly is the daughter of Michael and Brianna Dicke, granddaughter of Todd and Rebecca Dicke and great granddaughter of Ken Dicke. Congratulations to all.



**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Levi Bushman, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER. PERSONAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Let us pray. God of justice and mercy, your grace and truth shine forth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. In a world clouded by injustice, violence and revenge, we pray that the Holy Spirit might call each of us to lives that seek justice and love on behalf of others.

May your Holy Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption and hope to all prisoners and their families.

May your Holy Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption and hope to victims of crime and violence, and to those who love them.

May your Holy Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption and hope to all judges, lawyers and lawmakers.

May your Holy Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption and hope to all communities and neighborhoods: to those who feel unsafe, those who need to learn to trust again, those who need to forgive, those who need to be forgiven.

May your Holy Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption and hope to your church in every neighborhood, city, village and nation. We pray that your church may be the Body of Christ to others.

We pray for resolve to be ministers of Christ's peace: for wisdom to speak and act with truth and grace, for justice, peace, healing, and courage in all relationships, for the elimination of prejudice and segregation.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with your Word and Wisdom as we listen for your message for us this day. SILENCE

We long for the day, O God, when all that is broken is made new, when all that is hurting is healed, when all that is ravaged is restored. With urgency, but also with hope, we pray all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...**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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 1:1-33

(NSRV)

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:*

*<sup>2</sup> For learning about wisdom and instruction,  
for understanding words of insight,*

*<sup>3</sup> for gaining instruction in wise dealing,  
righteousness, justice, and equity;*

*<sup>4</sup> to teach shrewdness to the simple,  
knowledge and prudence to the young—*

*<sup>5</sup> let the wise also hear and gain in learning,  
and the discerning acquire skill,*

*<sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a figure,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.*

*<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

*<sup>8</sup> Hear, my child, your father's instruction,  
and do not reject your mother's teaching;*

*<sup>9</sup> for they are a fair garland for your head,  
and pendants for your neck.*

*<sup>10</sup> My child, if sinners entice you,  
do not consent.*

*<sup>11</sup> If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood;  
let us wantonly ambush the innocent;*

*<sup>12</sup> like Sheol let us swallow them alive  
and whole, like those who go down to the Pit.*

*<sup>13</sup> We shall find all kinds of costly things;  
we shall fill our houses with booty.*

*<sup>14</sup> Throw in your lot among us;  
we will all have one purse"—*

*<sup>15</sup> my child, do not walk in their way,  
keep your foot from their paths;*

*<sup>16</sup> for their feet run to evil,  
and they hurry to shed blood.*

*<sup>17</sup> For in vain is the net baited  
while the bird is looking on;*

*<sup>18</sup> yet they lie in wait—to kill themselves!  
and set an ambush—for their own lives!*

*<sup>19</sup> Such is the end of all who are greedy for gain;  
it takes away the life of its possessors.*

*<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.*

*<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:*

*<sup>22</sup> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?*

*<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.*

*<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,*

*<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,*

*<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,*

*<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.*

*<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.*

*<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,*

*<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,*

*<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.*

<sup>32</sup> *For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”*

## RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

**People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Today begins a sermon series on the book of Proverbs. I've never preached a series on Proverbs, so I'm looking forward to learning and growing with you as we explore and learn together.

On Trinity Sunday in late May, I spoke a little about Proverbs, but couched the sermon in terms of Wisdom/Spirit being seen as female. And today's reading certainly reinforces Wisdom as female.

Yet, today we are going to dig deeper into Proverbs, giving a brief history and theology of this book that has been, for centuries, ascribed to King Solomon.

Let's begin. In the Bible, there are a handful of books considered to be Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes along with the Apocryphal books of Sirach and the Wisdom of Solomon. Some scholars also include Song of Songs/Song of Solomon to the list.

Jerome, an early biblical scholar (died 420), argued that these books all are tied in some way, shape and form to King Solomon. Though scholars today would say the association to the king is fairly loose. Perhaps what better holds these books together is the prevalence of the word "wisdom." Found 42 times in Proverbs, 18 times in Job, 28 times in Ecclesiastes, 60 times in Sirach and 30 times in Wisdom of Solomon/Book of Wisdom.

What's more, no matter if we are looking at Jewish, Christian, Mesopotamian, or Egyptian texts, Wisdom Literature is among the oldest genres. This is what I believe about this: no matter who we are, no matter our cultural background, no matter our place in history, we as humans are constantly seeking wisdom greater than ourselves.

Wisdom Literature typically has certain characteristics:

1. Instruction. Lessons given. Often these lessons are written as if to a child.
2. Collection of Proverbs. Wisdom Literature is full of wise sayings—in all cultures of Wisdom Literature.
3. Dialogues on Divine Justice and Human Suffering. Much of ancient Wisdom sources tried to hammer out the roles of God and humanity in the world—especially in terms of human suffering.
4. Philosophical Exhortation. Fancy scholarly name for a variety of argumentative styles to persuade audience/readers.
5. Brief Forms. Again a fancy name for sayings, commands and prohibitions—usually only a sentence each.

And what topics does biblical Wisdom Literature cover?

1. God: depending on the book, God's presence is either discussed overtly or in more hidden tones.
2. Cosmic Order: God has given a particular order to the universe which includes our own world.
3. Creation: God's creation of the universe is key to Wisdom Literature. In the Book of Proverbs, we hear of two separate creation cosmologies: Proverbs 3:19-20 and Proverbs 8:22-31.
4. Wisdom: as a human task and a divine gift.

I'm going to shift now from Wisdom Literature as a whole to the Book of Proverbs specifically. Generally biblical scholars today do not ascribe Proverbs to King Solomon, though some say that perhaps the beginnings of the book came out of Solomon's court. Royal courts aside, because many of these "wise sayings" are universal in understanding, this book is difficult to date. In fact, it is also difficult to locate geographically.

If you look back at your bulletin and the written scripture reading, you will notice that verse 7 sets the tone: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. This single verse tells us why we showed up today/why the Book of Proverbs is important. Placing God at the absolute center of our lives should be our lifelong task. Because here is the truth: what may have worked for us to keep God at

the center a year ago, may no longer work. Trust in God is our primary calling. Always.

Verses 8-19 speak wise teaching/wise instructions for children. And what is the primary instruction? Don't be greedy. Life is more than our possessions.

Verses 20-33 shift to the language of Wisdom/Spirit being female—something we talked about on Trinity Sunday. In these verses, Wisdom warns against being foolish. She warns against not placing one's full trust in God. She warns that if we do not listen to her words, our lives will be unnecessarily difficult.

In many ways, today's reading is a perfect beginning to our sermon series on Proverbs. We are told to place our trust in God. We are told to loosen our grip on the stuff we accumulate. We are told to listen to Wisdom when she speaks.

Friends this is your homework for the coming week:

1. Place your trust in God. Not a little bitty bit of trust. All your trust.
2. Begin to let go of that which keeps you captive—especially the stuff you surround yourself with. Give away extra clothes. Donate unused pots and pans. Share your books and tools. Make your home less focused on stuff and more focused on love.
3. Be unafraid to listen to Wisdom/Spirit. She has words for you and for you alone—if only you will listen and heed her message.

As we dip our toes into Proverbs, let us throw ourselves headlong into the pool of God's grace. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*On Eagle's Wings*

# On Eagle's Wings

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*Unison* G D  
F# G

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his  
 (2) snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, 7 and fa - mine will  
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that

D  
F# F Dm

shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My ref - uge, my  
 bring you no fear, un - der his wings your ref - uge, his  
 flies by day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, 7

F Gm Asus A Refrain D

Rock in whom I trust." And he will raise you up on  
 faith - ful - ness your shield. near you it shall not come.

Em A7 D D7  
F#

ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D D.C.

sun and hold you in the palm of his hand. 2 The

*Fine*

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING INVITATION: I share with you Paul's words to the Galatian Christians (Galatians 6:9-10). *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.* Friends, let us do right in our lives—sharing generously, loving abundantly and serving joyfully.

### DOXOLOGY

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in the guitar line.

**System 1:**  
Vocal line: G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D  
Lyrics: Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

**System 2:**  
Vocal line: Em D G D G C F#dim G Em D Am G B D7 G  
Lyrics: praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th  
L.M.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**O God, despite all the distractions, we cannot avoid giving witness to the gospel. Your good news is a fire within us that cannot be put out. Use these gifts to strengthen the fainthearted and support the weak. We commit ourselves anew to strive for peace with all people. Amen.**

HYMN OF SENDING *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* verses 1 and 4



# 457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

N.C. D G/D D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;

D A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

D G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

BENEDICTION: Go in peace in the name of God the Father and our Creator, Christ the Son and our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the Mother of us all. Arm yourselves with love and scatter joy into this week. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## *Pass the Love*

### Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, tempo J=95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and chords. The chords are: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7; F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C; Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C; Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in— ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our— God.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Lawrence and Thelma Broerman by Gin and John Voress.

**Attendance**-Daily Devotions-66, July 25-Sunday Worship Online-296, In Person-60.

**Daily Devotions**-Please join Pastor Becky Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

**Sundays in August-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

**Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Youth Activity-Summer Celebration** St. Paul Community Playground, 10:00am-11:15am. Please bring water and snacks. See Abby Bushman for more information.

**Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins** are available for download on our website [stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org). Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

**July/August Upper Rooms**-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

**Mailbox**-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

**Home Communion Companions**-Pastor Becky will take communion to our homebound members and friends in August. She will be visiting in the afternoons August 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26. If you would like to accompany her, please contact Barb Holdren at the church office!

**Confirmation** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older students begins Wednesday, September 15. A Confirmation Orientation Meeting will take place Sunday, August 15 at 11:30. Letters have gone out to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders inviting them to join confirmation. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who doesn't receive a letter or older student who would like to join confirmation, please contact the church office and we will send you the information. Thank you.

**Discipleship Team News**-During lock-down last year, we learned that many families do not have school supplies at home for their children to do homework. The Discipleship Team is collecting school supplies to provide at-home school kits for our Blessing Pantry guest.

Donations needed include: 24 pack Crayola crayons, pencils, pencil sharpener, Elmer's white glue, purple glue sticks, large erasers, Fiskars kids scissors, 10 count Crayola fine-tip markers, colored pencils, highlighters, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, scotch tape, Crayola watercolor paints, blue ink pens, math and reading flash cards, coloring books and old magazines (for kids to cutout pictures as homework). Donations need to be placed on the auditorium stage at St. Paul Church by Wednesday August 18. Thank you for your ongoing generosity, as together we love God and love our neighbors.

**Blessing Pantry**-is accessible during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm**. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs- Toilet Paper, Diapers (size 6), Baby Wipes, Training Pants (size 3T-6T), Feminine Hygiene Products, Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Manicure Sets, Cotton Balls, Paper Plates, Razors, and Garbage Bags. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**Refugee Ration Challenge**—our monthly mission for August focuses on providing food for refugees—especially refugees who have fled the years' long conflict in Syria. The food typically provided by aid agencies for refugees is woefully lacking in both nutrition and calories. This month, we will join Church World Service in a Ration Challenge. The Mission Team challenges you to commit to eating for one week in August only the food provided to Syrian refugees. There are many ways you can participate in the Ration Challenge. First, you can pick up a ration food pack, located on the round tables in the sanctuary or in the church office, eating what is provided for one week. **The money you save can go toward our monthly mission.** Another option is to commit to eating the rations while soliciting sponsors to help raise funds. In this instance, the more money you raise, the more food you can add to your diet/challenges. A third option is to choose your own diet—especially if you have dietary restrictions. And finally, you could opt not to do the physical eating challenge, but instead give financially toward this monthly mission. \$225 per refugee per year through Church World Service supplements a Syrian refugee's rations. Our hope is that we can raise enough money this month to feed at least one family, if not two or three families. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. -The Mission Team

**Celebration of life of the Rev. Dr. Ralph C. Quellhorst  
August 12, 1937-June 23, 2020**

We are celebrating with a celebration, service and meal. **Heidelberg University, Wickham Great Hall, located in the Campus Center, Tiffin, Ohio. August 8, 2021 4 PM** service. Following the service, our family will greet guests outdoors on the Campus Center lawn (Campus Center 220 in case of inclement weather). A meal will also be served on the lawn following the visitation (Hoernemann Refectory in case of inclement weather). Please **RSVP**, so we know how much food to fix here: (If you would like the rsvp link emailed to you, please contact St Paul church office)

[https://www.alumni.heidelberg.edu/s/1897/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1897&pgid=882&gid=2&cid=2430&ecid=2430&post\\_id=0](https://www.alumni.heidelberg.edu/s/1897/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1897&pgid=882&gid=2&cid=2430&ecid=2430&post_id=0)

Please note that Heidelberg University continues to follow CDC guidelines with regard to COVID-19. We kindly request that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to observe masking and distancing protocols while on campus for the Celebration of Life ceremony. Mindy, Jeff, AJ, Andy, Miranda, Charlotte-Cindy, Harry, Brad, Rob-Pam, Chris

### **Calendar-Week of August 8, 2021**

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via
	11:30am	Mission Team
	4:00pm	Rev. Dr. Ralph Quellhorst
		Celebration of Life Service, Heidelberg University
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Shop
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	10:00am-11:15am	Youth Activity- Summer Celebration St. Paul Playground
	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	12:30-4:30	Home Communion
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday		Ice Cream Sandwich Orders Due
	Afternoon	Office Closed

**E-Giving @ St. Paul**  
**3 Different Ways to Give**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

**Give+ App** – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

**Text** – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))**

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
  - For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

**Once a text amount is sent:**

**Registration Link-** Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

**Donation Confirm-** Sent via text each time a donation is made.



## Ice Cream Social

**Ice Cream Social - August 22, 2021** immediately after church in the assembly room. The Mission Team is planning an ice cream social **with all donations** going to the Blessing Pantry. We will be serving homemade chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches. Please help us with planning and place your orders by August 13. If you know of someone that forgot to order please encourage them to come and enjoy the fellowship, we will have extras available. You can enjoy them with our church family in the assembly room after church or pick up your order to enjoy at home. There will be regular ice cream served for those that do not care for the sandwiches. Pick up time will be from 11:30 - 12:30 on August 22. Please help us in supporting the Blessing Pantry! Thank you, The Mission Team

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Please place orders in the offering plate, drop off at church office, give to a Mission Team member or if unable to do this you may call the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream sandwiches

I will \_\_\_\_\_ pick them up in assembly room

\_\_\_\_\_ prefer curbside pickup at designated time (at west door)

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:30-11:45. \_\_\_\_\_ 11::45-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-12:15. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:15-12:30



**No Cost-DONATIONS ONLY!** All Donations will benefit Blessing Pantry



# ST. PAUL U.C.C. BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



Please join us at  
St. Paul Church on Sunday, August  
15 at 10:15 a.m.

for our youth blessing of  
backpacks!

Bring your backpack to worship, all  
will be blessed with a surprise!