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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Communion, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon
Sr. Elder

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Connie O'Neill
Brenda Siefring
June Oaks
Shelly Zeller

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷
No mat-ter who, — no mat-ter what — no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
jour-ney of life; you're wel- come, wel- come in this place. — No mat-ter

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷
who, — no mat-ter what, — no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ C F F
jour-ney of life: ac - cept- ed, wel- comed by God's grace. grace. To verses Last time, Fine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come as you are into the presence of God.

People: We come in need of grace and healing.

Leader: Let the mystery of God's love transform you.

People: We trust God to provide all we need.

*HYMN

We Have Come to Join in Worship

No. 647

647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
3 Let us love our God su - preme - ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have come to God's presence to ask for grace and healing. Let us be open about the true extent of our need.

*CONFESSION

Leader: Risen God,

People: We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world.

People: With genuine joy we gratefully proclaim that in Jesus Christ our Savior, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The score includes a repeat sign in the first staff and a fermata over the final note of the fourth staff.

F Bb F C7 F C7 F

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son and the Ho - ly Ghost. As it

5 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. As it

9 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men.

13 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 3:1-10

(NT) pg. 120

³One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Our youngest disciples are invited to the chancel steps for a special word. Afterwards, they are invited to return to their seats.

Worship bags are available on the tables in the sanctuary.)

*HYMN

Heal Me Hands of Jesus

No. 636

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

636

Em Bsus B Em Dsus D G

1 Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;
2 Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
3 Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
4 Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

G Dsus D C/E D7/F# G G/B D G D Em Bsus B Em

re - store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)
MUSIC: Herbert S. Irons (1834-1905), alt.
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SOUTHWELL
S.M.

SERMON

The Blessing Pantry

Bryan Trego

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Healing God, by your power, Peter was able to liberate a man from the need to beg for his survival. Give us the power to transform lives and systems so that all your children have what they need to flourish.

People: Liberating God, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Within the complexity and beauty of the world you created sources of life and healing we have yet to encounter, but which could transform humanity. Help us to preserve and protect the gifts you have given us in nature.

People: Giving God, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Move the leaders and people of wealthy nations to provide health and humanitarian aid wherever it is needed and commit them to addressing the international inequities that cause these crises in the first place. Move the leaders and people of warring nations to turn their spears into pruning hooks and their swords into plowshares. Guide your Spirit especially over the people and leadership of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Haiti.

People: God of wholesome, peaceful living, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen all who are experiencing challenges to their health and wellbeing and all who provide care to them. Today we especially remember Karen Fox, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Dee Schroer, and Anna Hoelscher.

People: God of new life, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: We uplift all who do not have access to healthcare, both in our own country and throughout the world. Make us advocates for this most essential human right so that every one of your beloved children might be cared for as you would care for them.

People: God of righteous equity, in mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior, who taught us how to be his followers when he taught us to pray by

saying, **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. 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.**

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

***OFFERTORY SONG *We Give Thee but Thine Own* No. 688 vs 1&2**

688 We Give Thee but Thine Own

G $\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ C#dim7 Dsus D

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
 4 The cap - tive to re - lieve, to God the lost to bring,
 5 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{D7}{A}$ Em D G $\frac{G7}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to tend the lone and fa - ther - less is an - gels' work be - low.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
 MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

SCHUMANN
 S.M.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

All: Generous God, we return to you out of your abundant gifts these offerings of our possessions, as well as our time and our talents. Use them for the sake of a world in need and to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 712

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison

N.C.

F C E F Dm Gm Bb C C E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F F A Bb F C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

F C E F Dm Gm Bb Gm Gm Bb C C E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F F A Bb F C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)

MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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Music Harm. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion (Admin. Augsburg Fortress)

ASH GROVE
6.6.11.6.6.11.D.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let all God's people say,

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

***CLOSING SONG**

Go with Us, Lord

No. 747 (x2)

747

Go with Us, Lord

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes the lyrics: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,". The second system includes the lyrics: "that in your Spir - it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." Above the first system, there are two sets of Roman numerals: "I G Dsus D Em" and "II G/B Am7 C D G G/B Am F#dim A G Am7 G D7 F# G". Above the second system, there are Roman numerals: "G Am D/F# G Am C D G G/B Am C D Em G/B Am C D G".

WORDS: Mary Jackson Cathey (1926-)

MUSIC: Thomas Tallis (ca. 1505-1585)

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TALLIS' CANON
L.M.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judith Jean Martin Calling Hours and Graveside Service – Our sister, Judy Martin passed away on Friday, March 29th at her residence. Graveside Services will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 2:45 P.M. in the German Protestant Cemetery of New Bremen with Pastor James Lampert officiating. Calling Hours will be held prior to the graveside service on Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 12:30 P.M. until 2:30 P.M. at the Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen. Memorial contributions in memory of Judy can be made to the Auglaize County Humane Society. Memories and condolences can be shared with the family on the funeral home website: www.gilberghartwigfh.com.

Altar Flowers are in memory of Rodney R. Miller by Bev Plattner, Pam and Jacob Miller, and the Cara Mabry Family. *(After worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will be kept outside the church office after Sunday.)*

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Dale Schaefer (South door), Shirley Tontrup (North door), and Dee Schroer (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

2023 Church Directories - If you would like a 2023 church directory, please pick up a free copy from one of the tables in the sanctuary or outside the church offices.

Participants-

April 6th | Worship In-Person 36

April 7th | Worship In-Person 55, Online-32

Although Pastor Ken will be with us to the end of May, his last service will be held on Sunday, May 12th. Along with this being Mother's Day, we would also like to honor Pastor Ken for his unwavering support of St. Paul with an open house immediately following the service. Finger foods and drinks will be provided in the sanctuary. Please stop by for fellowship and to say your goodbyes. All are welcome.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

Blessing Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry is closed on Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome**—Blessing Pantry Needs: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Shaving Cream, Bleach, Baby lotion, Diapers (sizes Newborn, 2, 3, and 4). Thank you! Containers are located outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Blessing Pantry March Numbers | 48 visits, serving 157 individuals

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email.



Weekly Devotions and Monthly Mailer – Are you hearing from us? Are you keeping up with all that’s going on here at St. Paul? If you would like to receive the Wednesday Devotions email and the Monthly Mailer with all the current St. Paul news and information, please contact the church office by calling 419-629-2502 or emailing stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

Chicken Dinner Tickets - The Buckeye Hustlers 4-H Club is holding their annual BBQ Chicken Dinner. Chicken dinners are \$10 each. Tickets need to be purchased ahead of time by contacting any member of the Buckeye Hustlers, or Mark Tangeman at 419-953-8250. Chicken dinners will be available for pickup on May 5th from 4:00 to 6:00pm along the west side of the educational building (Herman St.). The club would also like to thank St. Paul Church and their parishioners for their generosity over the years.

2024 Council Candidates - We are looking for a council candidate to fill the Jr. Deacon position. If you feel God is laying this on your heart or you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to the church office or Matt Ranly.

The Blessing Pantry recently made a \$1,000 donation to the American Red Cross to support relief efforts in the Indian Lake Region.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross
431 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
redcross.org/care

April 02, 2024

RED CROSS SUPPORTER
PO BOX 6
NEW BREMEN OH 45869-0006



Dear Red Cross Supporter,

On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 on March 26, 2024, which will be applied to Disaster Response. Support from companies like yours is truly making an impact in the lives of those we serve every day.

During their darkest hours, people know they can turn to the Red Cross for comfort and care. Our humanitarian mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies depends on the compassion of our generous donors.

Red Cross Supporter, I am profoundly grateful for your commitment to the lifesaving work of the Red Cross. Thank you once again for standing with us to help turn heartbreak into hope. You can reach us any time with questions and feedback at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail McGovern".

Gail J. McGovern
President and CEO, American Red Cross

Please keep this page for tax purposes

As required by IRS regulations, we provide the following information: The American Red Cross is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Our federal tax identification number is 53-0196605. As no goods or services have been provided in connection with this gift, the full amount is deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

Donation Total: \$1,000.00
Donation Date: March 26, 2024
Will be applied to: Disaster Response

April Monthly Mission - Paper for Pentecost!

Paper for Pentecost is the act of giving paper items of all kinds. Isn't it amazing how many paper products our church uses throughout each day? From paper towels, note pads, Kleenex, envelopes, and stamps; the list goes on. This month let's give back to our church and the blessing pantry, which continually gives to so many people in need.

Whether it be a monetary donation or paper products which are useful to our church and Blessing Pantry, let's surround the altar with many paper blessings. Whatever your heart wants to donate is greatly appreciated.

Donations will be received this month and into May. We will receive them and bless them during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

Thanks so much, Mission Team

Church Needs:

White and colored copy paper (8 1/2 x 11), stamps, white envelopes (No. 10; 4 1/8 x 9 1/2), sticky notes, paper towels, Kleenex, paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, disposable (paper) coffee cups, construction paper for Sunday School.

Blessing Pantry needs:

Toilet paper (economy/store brand), paper towels, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. (*We do NOT need any feminine hygiene products. Proctor & Gamble made a large donation of those.*)



Calendar-Week of April 14, 2023

Sunday	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School Worship In Person & Facebook Live
Monday	9:00-12:00pm 2:00pm	Office Hours Coffee Shop Gathering New Bremen Coffee Shop
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00pm 5:30pm-7:30pm	Office Hours Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm	Office Hours Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm	Office Hours Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	9:00am-12:00pm	Office Hours

APRIL EVENTS

April 21st | Senior Recognition during 10:15am worship.

April 21st | Worship Team meeting following worship.

April 22nd | Deadline for May monthly mailer submissions. Email your submissions to the church office at stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

April 27th | UCC Northwest Ohio Association Annual Meeting in Sandusky.

2024 Financial Information as of April 1, 2024

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$16,714.70
Endowment Trans \$9,255.00 (ytd)
Income \$80,347.95 (ytd)
Expenses \$75,751.52 (ytd)
Balance \$21,311.13 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$71,978.89
Income \$7,182.00 (ytd)
Endowment Inc. \$1,405.63 (ytd)
Expenses \$12,888.85 (ytd)
Balance \$67,677.67 (ytd)

Our Church's Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$7,101.50 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$16,791.50
Income \$3,421.50 (ytd)
Expenses \$250.00 (ytd)
Balance \$19,963.00 (ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$32,845.83
Income \$6,015.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$1,909.41 (ytd)
Balance \$36,951.42 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$2,002.00

E-Giving @ St. Paul

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

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

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

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



Your donation makes a difference. Thank you for helping us change lives.