

October 25, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus who calls us to Love God & Love Neighbor!

Yesterday in worship we began our four-week stewardship series. This year's theme is Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor. Within a week or so, our local St. Paul folk will receive their stewardship packets on your doorstep. The rest will be mailed to your homes. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial generosity for 2022. Stewardship Sunday is November 14.

This coming Sunday, October 31, we will celebrate All Saints' Day in worship. We will name aloud those who died in our faith family this past year. We will light candles in memory of loved ones. We will honor the saints in our lives who are now dancing with Jesus. We encourage you to participate in worship either in person or via Facebook Live.

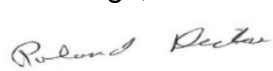
We will recognize our military veterans and active duty personnel during worship on Sunday, November 14. Please contact the church office this week so we can include your name in the bulletin.

We are seeking volunteers for:

1. Folk to cook and deliver meals on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for our youth. Mimi Messick is your contact person for this.
2. Folk to light the Advent candles during Advent worship services beginning November 28. Pastor Becky is your contact person.
3. Folk to reach out to our homebound folk by phone and notes. Again, Pastor Becky is your contact person.

We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your generosity. We thank you for your love for God and neighbor.

Blessings,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of October 25, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,009.20(weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$18,110.00(ytd)
Income \$242,688.76 (ytd)
Expenses \$243,832.56(ytd)
Balance **(\$1,143.80)** (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$44,635.50(ytd)
Endowment Income \$3,236.96(ytd)
Expenses \$48,233.94(ytd)
Balance \$73,282.89 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$20,485.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$13,641.09(ytd)
Balance \$13,094.11

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$20,121.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$13,173.73(ytd)

BP Balance \$14,828.42

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$236.00(weekly)
Income \$21,504.50 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)
Balance \$4,510.00(ytd)

OCTOBER 31, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Teach the children God's love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor
Monday	Revelation 21:1-6a	New heaven and earth
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Reciting God's word
Wednesday	Hebrews 9:11-14	Jesus frees us to worship God
Thursday	1 John 3:1-3	Children of God
Friday	3 John 2-8	Working together
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The glory of God's law
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Recite [the words that Moses commands] to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us the faith and confidence to love you and all people and the desire to tell your life-giving message to others. In the name of Christ, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

May this food remind us of your care that we may love you with our whole being and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be freed by the power of God's love to love God and neighbor through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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OCTOBER 31, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus Loves Me

taking faith home

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 you are learning or have learned recently?
- What motivates or excites you to learn?
- What faith practices are a part of your life? Who taught them to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

When we consider teaching children the word of God, the commandments, and the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we usually think of Sunday school. However, that does not fulfill the directive in Deuteronomy. We are to "recite" God's word to our children, that is, our grandchildren, our neighbor's children, and those who may live within our own homes. To recite the message means all the adults in the community of faith need to know God's word. We tell the "old, old story" when we rise and when we go to bed, when we are home and when we are not at home. Why? Because the good news of Jesus Christ is too important to our lives and world not to recite, teach, tell, pray, sing, and live each day. Loving God with all our being and loving our neighbor is a way of life. Programs like Sunday school and confirmation support the role of primary caregivers as those who are to live and speak the faith aloud each and every day. When, where, and how often do you pray, read the Bible, and talk about Jesus with others?

Pray: **Loving God, guide our words and our steps to give you praise and to direct others to the source of all life, love, and hope through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

We are all teachers of what we value by how we live and by what we say and do. Those whose work is teaching help us in our own role as teachers. Think of someone you know who teaches in a school, congregation or other setting. How can you express thanks or show them gratitude for teaching and serving as a role model for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Deuteronomy responds to a basic question of the faithful: will our children have faith? Deuteronomy answers this question repeatedly. The answer is that the next generation will have faith because we have spoken the faith out loud. Take time to read from a Bible, hymnal, or devotional book and reflect and pray on the reading so that you may be prepared to share God's love with others. End by praying: **Dear God, thank you for your love that surrounds us every day. Be with [names of people on your heart]. Amen.**



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, welcome, your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

October 31, 2021

All Saints Sunday

Stewardship Week Two

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Jeff Quellhorst

Cheyenne Olt

Becky Quellhorst

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Washington UCC Children's Christmas Gifts

St. Paul UCC will once again sponsor the November mission for children's gifts to the members of Washington UCC Cincinnati. This encompasses approximately 100 families and 350 children. A Christmas tree can be found in the Narthex of the sanctuary that will have tags on. We ask that if you wish please take a tag or two and shop for a child. Please return the unwrapped gifts and the tag and place them under the tree by Sunday, November 28th. If you'd like to make a financial donation, return your donation to the church office by this date by marking monthly mission on your giving envelope or with "Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger" on the envelope. Thank you for your generous giving.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

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

Leader: In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..." There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

People: O God, call us together as you did those long ago to discover your blessed people.

Leader: Today, in this place, Christ gathers us.

People: Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

529

For All the Saints

Unison, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.

G Cmaj7 D7 Em G/B C G/B Am D G

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou,
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through

D/F# A7/E D G/B D/F# Gmaj7 A7 D D/C

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

G/B C G/B Am7 G G/F# C/E D/F# G G/B D

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

G/B G7 C Am7 G/B Em C G/B Am7 G/B Dsus D7 G

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We break open the shells of our lives in the presence of God's love. We come now in confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people—courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost child, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and others again and again. In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

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 a 4/4 time signature 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, Eb, Bb/D, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Eb6, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb, Eb, Fm7/Ab, Eb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb.

THANKSGIVING LITANY FOR THE BLESSED ONES

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man." Jesus named the blessed ones. On this day of remembrance, let us recall and give thanks for those blessed ones who have gone before us:

Jean K. Ahlers-Waterman	October 24, 2020
Mary K. (Dicke) Reed	October 30, 2020
Robert F. (Red) Rump	November 12, 2020
Ralph I. Plattner	November 18, 2020
David L. Waterman	November 24, 2020
Vernon L. Koch	December 1, 2020
David E. Kuck	December 15, 2020
Robert L. (Bob) Finke	January 8, 2021
Gary L. (Doc) Farley	March 2, 2021
Kathryn L. (Kate) (Erb) Meckstroth	March 16, 2021
James G. Lockhart	March 20, 2021
Donna J. Culver	March 27, 2021
Mary Lou (Donnerberg) Campbell	June 14, 2021
Alice M. (Schrock) Hegemier	June 18, 2021
Annabelle A. (Koeper) Wenning	July 13, 2021
Lois Marie (Gensler) Moeller	July 13, 2021
Douglas J. Fark	July 25, 2021
Yvonne V. Hartwig	August 20, 2021
Loree A. Nedderman	September 23, 2021
Joan K. Ahlers	September 26, 2021
Victor Boroff	October 3, 2021
Robert J. Kettler	October 21, 2021

Members, family, and friends are invited to light candles in remembrance of the blessed ones.

Leader: Let us pray: Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

People: O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US

(adapted from the Evangelical Covenant Church; Submitted by Kerry Staurseth, Commission on Stewardship (ECC), Chicago, Illinois)

Today is the second of a four-week series on stewardship—what it means to be a good steward, how we are called by God to give our best out of thanksgiving, how we are called to be people of joyful generosity, how we are called to make giving a way of life.

I brought with me to worship two rocks: one rough and one that has been polished. Who here grew up with a rock polisher? I did. The polishing machine would tumble the rocks over and over through increasingly smaller grit that knocked the rough edges off of the stones. In nature, rocks are polished by water or sand running over them/tumbling them until they are smooth.

In other words, no rock can be polished by sitting still. In the New Testament book of James 1:22, we hear: *But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.* As followers of Jesus, we are to put our faith into action—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick. Faith is a verb. Following is a verb. Discipleship is a verb. When we put our Christian faith into action, we become like this polished stone. When we help others, our rough edges get smoothed out and we become more compassionate. We become kinder, more loving, more generous.

Truly, Christian stewardship is about allowing ourselves to be polished by God, polished by loving and serving others. This week, I encourage you to keep a polished stone in your pocket or near your devotional space, as a reminder to allow yourself to be tumbled and polished by service, by discipleship, by your generosity. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Bennett Michael Elsass and Lincoln Dennis Elsass receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on October 30, 2021. Bennett and Lincoln are the sons of Travis and April Elsass. Bennett's and Lincoln's sponsors are Danny and Christina Hall. Congratulations to all.

Birth Candles Welcome: Kinley Christine Manbeck born October 15, 2021. Daughter of Cody & Katie Manbeck, sister of Ella, granddaughter of Kathy Manbeck and great-granddaughter of Peg Henschen.

Quinn Lee Williams born October 20, 2021. Son of Taylor & Troy Williams, brother of Miles, grandson of Staci & Gary Jones and great-grandson of Mary Finke. Welcome Kinley and Quinn.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Dick Hudson, Julia Paul, Susan (Topp) Wicker, Marv Topp, Sue Kettler, Martha Plattner, Kohneita Lear, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Scott Kuenning, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

Please remember the family of Bob Kettler in your prayers. Bob passed away Thursday, October 21, 2021. Service to celebrate his life took place Saturday, October 30, 2021.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Holy God, we come before you in this sacred time to pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. SILENCE

Leader: O God, throughout the ages your people have built great temples in which to worship you, spires that reach to the sky and sanctuaries that glitter with beauty. Bless the ways in which we seek to honor you; yet cast our eyes beyond stained glass to you, the Source of Life and Love. Loving and Giving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Churches stand in every place on earth as a witness to your global presence and promises. Make us good neighbors to those of other faiths, strengthen our witness to your vast love, and send your protection to those worldwide who suffer true persecution simply for living out their faith. Loving and Giving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As we gather today to celebrate and to remember those saints who have been welcomed into your arms, we ask your comforting presence with all who grieve, all who are lonely, all who struggle with oh, so many levels of loss. Empower us share your Light and Love to all who need you. Loving and Giving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your healing power pour upon all who are hurting, all who are suffering—both physically and mentally. We lift up to you those in hospitals, those in quarantine, those who struggle to breathe this day. Loving and Giving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, bless these our prayers and make us bold witnesses to the power of your grace, even as we pledge to be the answer to the world's deepest needs. All of this we pray 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.*

*“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

*²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.*

*²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.*

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

That day may have been warm and sunny on that plain/that level place where Jesus spoke to the newly chosen Twelve, his wider circle of disciples, and the curious on-lookers. Word about Jesus had already spread near and far—and people came looking for cures.

This we know: Jesus did NOT have access to decent microphones and speakers on that sunny day. Teenagers were probably NOT sending text messages to each other during Jesus’ sermon. Adults were probably NOT scribbling grocery lists and financial plans in their bulletins’ margins. We can safely assume that not one set of earbuds was in sight and all cell phones had been turned to mute.

Instead, the wind was most likely blowing just enough that the crowds had to move in closer to hear this man who spoke with quiet authority. Babies were probably crying. Parents strained to hear Jesus’ words above the poking and prodding of their bored children. Who knows? Perhaps not everyone there was listening. Could it be that someone might SLEEP through one of Jesus’ sermons? (That would never happen here, right???) Might there have been some hecklers in the crowd? Perhaps, even young lovers were holding hands, lost in their own world.

Despite the earbuds and the crying babies, the grocery lists and the hecklers, this we know: people strained to listen to Jesus. Undoubtedly, Jesus' words surprised the people back then as much as his words surprise us today:

The Gospel of Luke has an uncanny way of making us uncomfortable. We, who live in the Western world, tend to resonate more with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew rather than the nearly-identical Sermon on the Plain in Luke. Luke was written for an educated and prosperous people like many of us are here in the United States. Where Luke's version of the sermon says, "Blessed are the poor," Matthew's version says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." We find ourselves getting uncomfortable with all these blessings that JUST MIGHT NOT be ours—we who do not worry about our next meal, the roof over our heads, or the many coats in our closets. Indeed, it is much easier to identify with being poor in spirit rather than being just poor.

Yet, Luke's entire gospel is written with the poor in mind. Luke places on Jesus' lips and within his scope of ministry those in society we try to ignore: the lepers, the widows, the poverty-stricken, the tax collectors. Even Luke's language of blessing is upside down. In the Greek, blessing or *makarios* pointed directly to the gods OR the dead OR the prosperous. Instead, Jesus pronounces God's blessings upon the lowly: the poor, the hungry, the crying, the hated.

Throughout the history of *makarios*, it had always been the other people who were considered blessed: the rich, the filled up, and the laughing. Jesus turns this all upside down. Scholars believe that Luke's reworking of blessing, of *makarios*, is the first time in Jewish literature that the poor had been spoken of as blessed. In other words, the elite in God's kingdom, the blessed ones in God's realm, are those who are at the very bottom of the heap of humanity.

I don't know about you, but this upside down blessing is a bit unnerving. Does this mean that we, who know comfort and relative riches, are outside of God's blessing? Does this mean that we, who have enough food in our pantries to sustain a quarantine, cannot know God's favor?

And then, to make matters worse, Jesus launches into his woes—that translates more directly from the Greek as an emotion of pain and anger—a sense of impending disaster, horror and anguish. According to

Luke, the rich already have everything they could possibly ask for—or at least they think they do. Their focus is wealth and prosperity—the stuff of life rather than the Creator of all life.

Jesus stood in that hot field—calling out words of blessing & words of woe: completely up-ending the “way-we-think-life-should-be.”

I’ll be honest: I chose the Sermon in the Plain nearly a year ago for our stewardship series. I chose it OVER the Sermon on the Mount precisely because this version of the sermon makes us uncomfortable. Years ago (probably in seminary), I was taught, “Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” For here is the deal: even in these uncertain times, even in these times of sickness and death and political posturing, we are still people of privilege. We ARE Jesus’ audience for the Sermon on the Plain.

So what does this mean for us today? This I believe: as followers of Jesus, we are called to sit lightly (very lightly!) on the stuff we surround ourselves with: always being willing to share what we have with others. Stewardship as a way of life is about what we give AND how we care about what we have. In the next two weeks, we will spend more time exploring what it means to be Christian stewards during a global pandemic and in this particular (and beloved!) community.

Giving/Stewardship/Tithing should be something we do out of thanksgiving and joy. I am reminded of my friend, Gib Langdon, who had fallen away from life in the church and his faith journey for several years. When he came back to church, he was asked to serve on the Stewardship Committee. Up until that point, Gib saw financial giving on Sunday as a minor part of his life—toss in a few dollars that he had in his wallet. Once he became immersed in the joy of giving generously, Gib changed his tune. He became, what he called, a “born again giver”—someone who offered his best to God through the missions and ministries of the church out of gratitude and joy.

Jesus calls us to do the same. Jesus beckons us to listen to him—offering to us words of blessing and words of woe. It is time to set aside our devices and our distractions that we might listen well and heed his words. Amen.

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D/A G/A A/G Em7 A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: All the rules and laws of our faith can be summed up in the law of love for God and for one another. Everything hangs on that: the law of love. We don't just talk about love here at St. Paul Church, we bring it to life in ministry. We offer hospitality. We feed our neighbors. We welcome all. In all these things, we worship and love God and we offer our love to our neighbor. This is what this ministry, and our gifts, are all about, and all of it hangs on love. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass 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 vocal line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We bring what we can to you, O God, even when we fear it isn't enough or won't make a difference. Take these offerings we bring with our whole hearts and multiply them so that all might be loved by you and each of us extravagantly. Amen.

Trust and Obey

443

F C7 F C C7 F

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

Bb F C F C7 F C C7

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

F Bb F/C C7 F C F

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

D Gm C7 F/C C7 F F/A Bb6 F/C C7 F

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

BENEDICTION: Now to the One who is able to keep you from stumbling, go forth from this holy place seeking peace and justice, wholeness and healing in the name of God the Father & our Creator, Christ the Son & our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the Mother of us all. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a tempo marking of quarter note = 95. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on a four-line staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: 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.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Bea Young by Ann Young.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-41, October 17-Sunday Worship Online-411, In Person-112, Sunday School-In Person-25, Teachers-6, Splash & Jr/Sr High Youth Group-21, Leaders-7.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, 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 November-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person at 9:00am.

Women's Service Group-will go to the Do Good Restaurant for lunch on November 11. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10:45 and ride together to Osgood. Following lunch, we will tour the restaurant and hear about the origin of the restaurant. There will be a brief meeting before returning to New Bremen. Please let Bev Plattner know by November 8th if you plan to attend. Guests are welcome to join us.

Veteran's Recognition November 14- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship service November 14. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name.

Stewardship 2021-Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor
Culminates November 14. Our worship services will focus on this year's theme, Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor.

2022 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you. Price \$30.00.

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, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Paper Plates, Napkins, Dish Soap, Garbage Bags, Diapers (size 4 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Shampoo, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Deodorant (men’s & women’s), and Q-Tips. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website **stpaulnb.org**. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

November/December 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!

2022 Council Postitions-2022 will be here before we know it and we are looking to fill several council positions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following: **Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Trustee (2 positions open)** Questions or willing to serve, please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt. Thank you!

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

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

Mobile App – We are working on a new App-more information to come.

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 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.

Calendar-Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School in person
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
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
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash (4 th & 5 th grade)
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes

Christmas Market at St. Paul UCC New Bremen

Date: Saturday, November 20th, 2021

Time: 9 am - 2 pm

***\$1 admission at the doors**

(Entrance West Door of Education Building-Herman Street)

Join us for a unique shopping experience featuring art and creations from local craftspeople, live Christmas music, photos with Santa, a food truck, and more!

Food and Drink:

Ranger Concessions: breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, fresh cut fries, coffee, soda, and water. * *Parked outside the market on Herman St.*

New Bremen Coffee Co. - fresh brewed coffee and hot chocolate

Shopping: Kat's Macs, Holy Smokes and BBQ, Sara Paper, Steinke's Wood Carved Products, Mama's Goat Milk Soaps, Aunt Anne's House, G2 Designs, Oak & Ash, Saylor Creations, Grandma B Originals +, Saige & Co., The Grumpy Goat Experiment, Lily & Violet, Topp's Candy, Willyums Cupcakes, Megan's Knitting, Craftsy Den, The Turkey Merchantile, G&E Stitch Shop, Wood Signs and Designs, To the Moon Soaps & Crafty Consignment, Heathers, Larry Kuhn (handmade OSU stepping stones), Expression of Grace Studio, Unique Charming Purse

Make and Take Items:

Oak & Ash - Wood burning home goods

Cilla's Ceramics - Ready to paint Ornaments

* **Bake Sale:** proceeds benefit the Blessing Pantry at St. Paul

* **Photos with Santa by AMG Photography**

* **Musical Guests (on stage during the market):**

Matt Ranly, Hannah Ranly, 4 Jacks, Connie O'Neill

* **Gift Wrapping:** provided by Girl Scout Troop 21132