

May 23, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We greet you in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Friend, who invites us to follow him!

Summer is upon us! Our SALT Interns, Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer, began their ministry with us over the weekend. Both are looking forward to becoming a greater part of St. Paul Church and the wider community as they grow in faith. When you see Eli and Elyssa out and about, please stop to greet them!

Speaking of summer, Ava, Griffin, and Jerry Huber are hosting a Youth Pool Party at their home on Monday, May 30 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This event is for all youth grades 6-12 (including incoming sixth graders and outgoing 12th graders). Please contact the church office for their address.

Sunday, June 5 is Pentecost—the day we celebrate presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Plan to wear RED to worship that Sunday.

Pastor Becky and Jim Strang are hosting a Summer Porch Party on Sunday, June 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Parsonage. The Strangs will provide the main dish and drinks. We ask that attendees bring lawn chairs and a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We haven't had a Porch Party in a few years; Jim and Becky are looking forward to seeing you there!


As you know, Pastor Becky is having foot surgery on June 14 and will be out of the office for four weeks to recuperate. While Becky is away, Bryan Trego, Elyssa Mullins, Eli Schmitmeyer, Deb Klein, Abby Bushman and Barb Holdren will be available. Plan to call the church office (419-629-2502) if you have a pastoral need or emergency. Our staff will be happy to minister to and with you!

Also as a reminder, Becky's time away is for recuperation, not pleasure. She will not respond to any emails, text or Facebook messages or phone calls until she is back in the office on Friday, July 15. Thank you for your understanding!

One financial area at St. Paul Church that needs a boost is the Local Aid Fund. This is the fund that provides food and gas cards to our members, as well as emergency assistance of utilities and rent to both St. Paul folk and members of the community. If you would like to give to the Local Aid Fund, please mark your check or your online giving "Local Aid." Thank you!

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 Myra Hanenkraft Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Council President Council VP Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of May 23, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$4,120.69(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$9,500.00(ytd)
Income \$138,515.94(ytd)
Expenses \$125,307.77(ytd)
Balance \$13,208.17(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$33,095.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$4,080.15)(ytd)
Expenses \$9,854.95(ytd)
Balance \$55,808.99(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$5,665.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$4,685.50(ytd)
Expenses \$10,603.65(ytd)
Balance \$6,300.67(ytd)

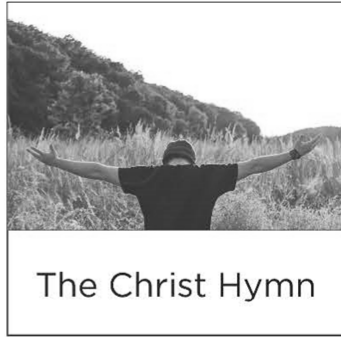
Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$7,688.00(ytd)
Expenses \$6,375.47(ytd)
Balance \$30,473.65(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$72.50(weekly)
Income \$9,070.50(ytd)

Birth Candle on the altar May 29 is in honor of Harper Lily Davidson, born May 22, 2022. Harper is the daughter of Grace Wilson and Jake Davidson. Grandparents are Lisa and Randy Davidson. Welcome Harper!



May 29, 2022

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Humble Lord, you emptied yourself so that others could be filled. Teach us humility and give us a spirit of service for the good of the community of faith. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 'who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 'but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. (Philippians 2:5-7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul encouraged new believers in Philippi to empty themselves as Christ emptied himself for the betterment of the community.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does humility look like to you? How are you humble? In what ways are you not humble? Why would the God who created everything, become human, humble, and empty?

For the littles: What is your favorite song? Does it tell a good story?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God accept your humility with grace. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Philippians 2:1-13 is a hymn that nails what it means to be Jesus. Search your playlist and find the song that nails what it means to be you. If your song is uplifting, play it loud, and dance! If your song is filled with struggle, rewrite it to reflect how you would like your life song to sound. Ask God to rewrite your life to match your rewritten life song.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Philippians 2:1-13, The Christ Hymn

Monday, Acts 1:1-5, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

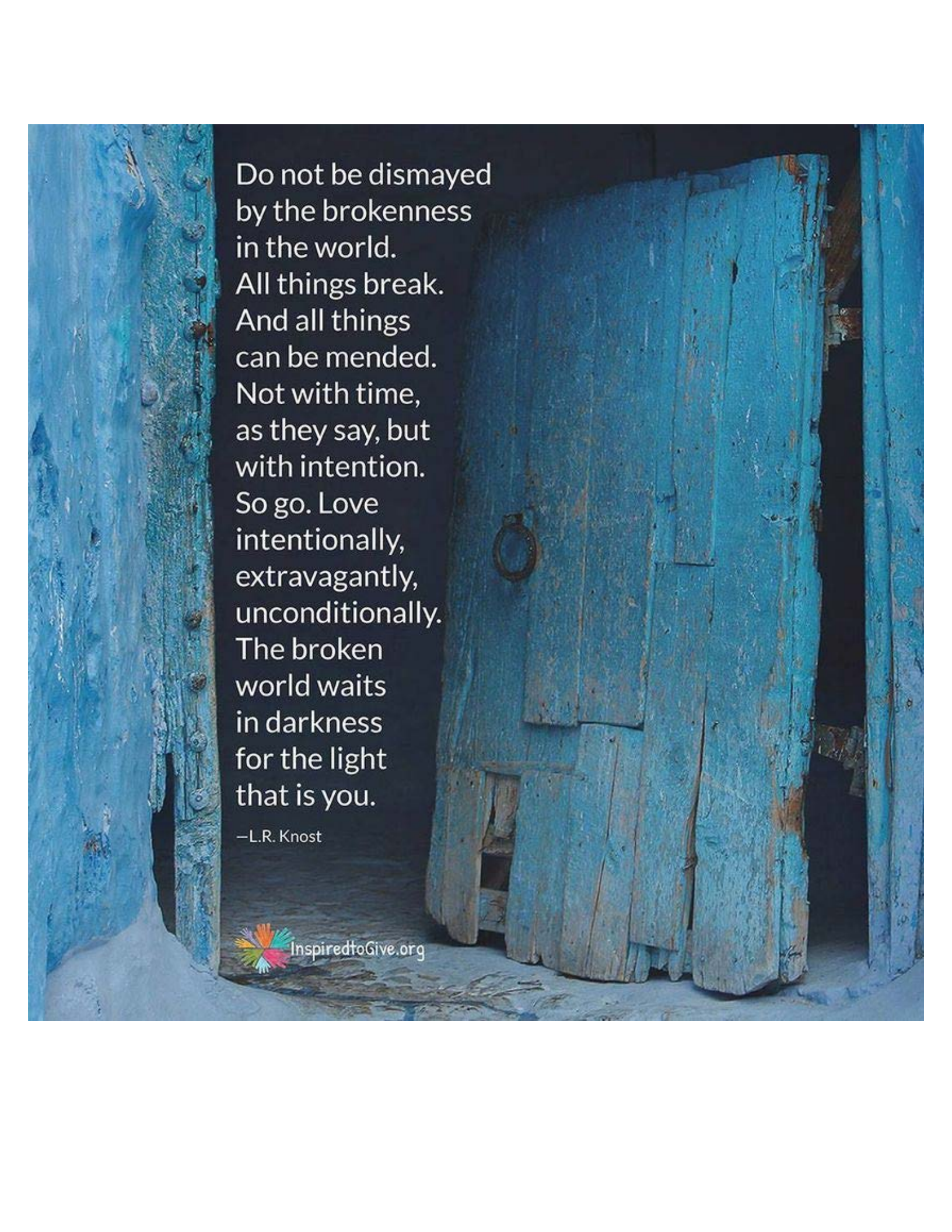
Tuesday, Acts 1:6-11, The Ascension of Jesus

Wednesday, Acts 1:12-26, Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Thursday, Acts 2:37-42, The First Converts

Friday, Acts 2:43-47, Life Among the Believers

Saturday, Acts 3:1-10, Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar



Do not be dismayed
by the brokenness
in the world.
All things break.
And all things
can be mended.
Not with time,
as they say, but
with intention.
So go. Love
intentionally,
extravagantly,
unconditionally.
The broken
world waits
in darkness
for the light
that is you.

—L.R. Knost



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Roland Dicke-Council President

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Elyssa Mullins

Eli Schmitmeyer

Kathy Manbeck

Cheyenne Olt

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

SALT Intern

SALT Intern

Liturgist

Accompanist

Sr. Deacon

Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKING ROOT: Trustees *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:5)*
 Trustees of St. Paul United Church of Christ are one of the three Church Council leadership teams. While the Deacons and Elders focus primarily on worship, Trustees focus on the maintenance of our buildings and property. Our congregation's constitution calls for three Trustees to serve on Council each year. Trustees work closely with our Maintenance Technician to facilitate repairs and upkeep of our education building and sanctuary. With an aging physical plant, the Trustees never lack for something to do. If you would like to serve as a Trustee in an upcoming year, please talk to Council President, Roland Dicke.

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: We gather in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

People: When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

Leader: We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

People: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor and might be to God forever and ever.

Leader: Amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 106

N.C. F C Dm C $\frac{F}{A}$ C7 Dm $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

C(no3) F C(no3) $\frac{F}{A}$ F C F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm $\frac{C}{G}$ G C

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

F $\frac{F}{A}$ F C Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{C}$ Csus C F

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us pray. Holy God,

People: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us,

Leader: Forgive us, O God.

People: When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions,

Leader: Forgive us, O God.

People: When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future,

Leader: Forgive us, O God.

People: God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: God's creation in all its glory!!!!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Mia Schmitmeyer, Ethel Mesloh, Donald Mohrman, Carol Mohrman, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Life-Giving God, we lift up to you today the world, our nation, our state, our community and our congregation.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: As Christ humbled himself, even though he was divine, so may we learn humility, O God, following our beloved Teacher. Show us where we are blind to ourselves and ignorant of the harm we do to others and make us a blessing, rather than a burden, to those we serve. Risen Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: At the name of Jesus, all creation stands in awe. As a child instinctively knows her parent, so does all of earth and heaven know its Creator. May we glorify our God in all we think, do, and say. Risen Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: All around us are tangible signs of your love: a cool breeze, a whiff of fresh flowers, a breathtaking sunrise, the sweetness of the earth's fruits. Enliven us to all that you have created and make us joyful to be a part of your beautiful world. Risen Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Christ of suffering and pain, of resurrection and restoration, be close to those who need to know your healing presence, and give your particular blessing to those who need your healing touch. Risen Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have given their lives in military service. We honor those who are currently serving in military branches. With violent conflicts happening the world over, on this weekend, we pray for peace. Risen Christ:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As your saints lived their lives in you, so give us a purpose to which we would dedicate our own lives. Hearten us by their steadfast example and join us in eternal communion when our race is completed. Risen Christ,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear our prayer, O God. Make us humble like you and zealous for your gospel/your good news. 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: Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSV)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in

you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Leader: What is your greatest passion in life?

People: What, or who, do we feel most strongly about?

Leader: Is it your family? Your friends? A cause close to your heart?

People: What is the thing that gives our life meaning?

Leader: What is the thing you wouldn't want to live without?

People: And what would we give for that thing, that person?

Leader: Would you be willing to give your life, as Christ did for us?

People: We who often ignore Jesus' teachings.

Leader: We who don't often even think about Jesus.

People: Christ emptied himself for our sake, died so that we might live.

Leader: Would we do that even for a loved one, much less someone who does not care about us?

People: Everyone has someone they love very much.

Leader: Everyone has someone, or something, in their life that is worth everything to them.

People: Some person or cause we might be willing to die for.

Leader: In Jesus' case, those people are you and me.

People: And now, Jesus offers us a challenge.

Leader: Can we stretch beyond our deepest passions, to care more deeply for more people?

People: Can we expand our sphere of influence to the marginalized, the refugee, the disabled? Can we learn to love them as Christ loves us?

Leader: We may not be able to die for these beloved children of God,

People: But we are called to live for them, to do our part to make their lives better,

Leader: To reach beyond our comfort zones, to sacrifice, beyond the sacrifices we think we are capable of making.

People: Christ Jesus did it all for us.

Leader: How can we do less than our best for each other? Let us pray.

People: Holy God, grant us the strength to do more, to be more, to love more and to serve more. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Here I Am!

Here I Am!

Word and Music
by J. L. Salt(er)

Piano/Organ

♩ = 160

Am F Dm G

Here I am! Lord, be at work in me!

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor) and a common time signature. It begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass clef staff has a similar melody: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Am (G-A), F (F-A-C), Dm (D-F-A), and G (G-B-D).

Em Am F G

I stand hum - bl - y in all hu - mil - i - ty.

The second system continues the melody. Treble clef: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Bass clef: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. Chords: Em (E-G-B), Am (A-C-E), F (F-A-C), G (G-B-D).

Am F Dm G

Let me do the work that pleas - es you.

The third system continues the melody. Treble clef: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Bass clef: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. Chords: Am (A-C-E), F (F-A-C), Dm (D-F-A), G (G-B-D).

F C/E

Lord, please take my mind. Make it yours, not mine.

The fourth system continues the melody. Treble clef: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Bass clef: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. Chords: F (F-A-C), C/E (C-E-G). A slur is placed over the final two notes of the bass line.

Dm G C

Help me live for oth - ers, too.

The fifth system concludes the piece. Treble clef: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Bass clef: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. Chords: Dm (D-F-A), G (G-B-D), C (C-E-G). A slur is placed over the final two notes of the bass line.

Nobody is a whole chain. Each one is a link.

But take away one link and the chain is broken...Let's link up.

-Chuck Swindoll

Christianity is a team sport. Seriously. Many of us like to think we can be Christian on our own, but I'm not at all convinced that is true. Christianity, following Jesus, is about living in community, worshiping in community, serving in community. Christianity, at its very best, struggles and rejoices and laughs and laments together. Together.

While Paul wrote the letter to the Christians in Philippi from prison, he used this letter, indeed all his letters, to stay connected to other believers. Paul's letters illuminate the struggles those young communities had in how to BE the Body of Christ in the midst of wildly divergent community members.

The church in Philippi was no exception. This particular community struggled with Table Fellowship—how people from very different faiths, socio-economic backgrounds and genders gathered around a common Communion table and meal table. In both Roman and Jewish cultures, people of different backgrounds did not mix. At all.

And yet, these Jesus People worshiped together, ate together, and lived together—breaking all of society's norms. I make this sound easy, but it was not. Bringing a wildly diverse mix of people together in the name of Jesus was difficult/dangerous and those early Christian communities struggled mightily.

But this is what was important about the believers in Philippi: they struggled **together**. They worked through their diverse backgrounds, politics, worldviews, as a community. From the very beginnings of Christianity, life in Christ was done together—never alone and solitary.

Today's scripture reading speaks to the struggle and the call to live and grow within community. Today's passage offers words of encouragement to a community who struggled (perhaps fought?) over Jesus' most basic message: that we are ALL welcomed and loved.

That "ALL" is important. For here is the deal—we can **believe** in Jesus at home alone. We can only **follow** Jesus together. Paul's letter uses language of inclusion and community. Did you catch all those

words? Consolation. Sharing. Compassion. Sympathy. Joy. Same mind/One mind. Love. Humility. The interests of others. There is not one word on this list we can accomplish on our own—each and every trait involves including others in our lives as we share ourselves fully in community.

So much for flying solo as Christians.

Leadership guru John C. Maxwell tells this amazing story of how communities can be transformed when we work together. On March 22, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine gave a stay-at-home order for our state. As you remember, so many people's jobs and livelihoods were affected by this order given to slow the march of Covid19.

One of the many people affected was Sam Yoder who owns Berlin Gardens, a manufacturer of patio furniture, fire pits and other outdoor items. When the shut-down order was given, he agonized about sending his employees home, but he was determined to continue to pay each employee for 40 hour weeks no matter the cost to his business.

Three days later, on March 25, Sam received a phone call from a business colleague out of Akron who owns TKM Printing Solutions—a company that prints, creates signs and does custom fabrication. Both of these men wanted to do something in the midst of the crisis. Knowing that millions of face shields were needed for medical workers, the owner of TKM Printing Solutions decided to shift his company's manufacturing. But he couldn't do it alone.

That's where Sam came in. That very afternoon, Sam, his management team and the staff from TKM drove to the parking lot of a nearby home improvement store to discuss their options. They learned that the need for face shields was greatest in Connecticut—which had requested 150,000 masks in less than a week.

The two companies put their heads together and came up with a solution. In Sam's case, he and his team shifted from manufacturing outdoor furniture to manufacturing face shields. They quickly set up a production line, made 40 masks, sending them to Connecticut to make certain they met medical standards.

The masks passed inspection, so Sam called back all of his employees. They didn't quite make the 150,000 goal in the first few days,

but they did manage to produce 90,000 face shields, shipping them off to Yale's New Haven Hospital.

Then they kept on working. Soon they were able to produce between 30,000-35,000 shields per day, along with boxing them and preparing them for shipping. And this is where the transformation took place. Until Covid, Sam's employees were scattered across seven facilities. Now, with everyone on face shield duty, for the first time they were all working together, forging deep connections and friendships, all the while making a real difference in those early days of the pandemic.

When we come together, the world changes. Again—Christianity is a team sport—we are at our best when we work together, worship together, learn together while making a difference in the wider community.

New Bremen and St. Paul Church did exactly this in the early months of the pandemic. We expanded our Blessing Pantry to include large quantities of food. We were open 11 shifts per week, staffed entirely by volunteers. And what is so incredibly cool is that the volunteers were not just St. Paul folk. They were people from the community and the area churches who wanted to be part of the solution in the midst of hunger, loss of employment and despair.

Our Christian faith is one that describes life on earth as almost-not-yet. We have foretastes of heaven in this life we have been given. Jesus' many parables speak of the Kingdom being among us in small ways that blossom and grow and break all boundaries. Even our Lord's Prayer: Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

As members of Jesus' team, Christians are challenged to dedicate our lives to working to bring God's Kingdom here on earth—especially for those who have known very little heaven in their lives.

Catholic theologian Richard Rohr once wrote, *You do not think yourself into a new way of living as much as you live yourself into a new way of thinking.*

Thinking and planning alone will not transform lives. Action does. And lives are most transformed when we come together to be the Body of Christ in this community, nation and world. Looking back to today's reading, when we do this together, our joy will be complete.

Time to scatter some joy. Together. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: When we come to church, we offer God three things: our time (this hour or so we have to praise him), our talents (our abilities to pray, praise, sing, and serve God in the world), and our monetary gifts. God accepts these because God wants not our gifts, but us as givers. God wants us. We are the living sacrifice. Let us give generously and joyfully.

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 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.' The chords are indicated above the vocal line.

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.

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

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L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, you gave everything—your time, your possessions, even your own life—so that we might have life. Receive these gifts we offer as expressions of our willingness to give of ourselves for the good of the community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Pass It On

Pass It On

D Em7 F#m G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2 What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
 3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

D Em7 F#m G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
 the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;
 on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 F#m Bm

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
 that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know:

Bm Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G A A7 D

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
 you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

BENEDICTION/BLESSING: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. Go into the world in peace, declaring the praises of God who has called you out of darkness into wonderful light. May you abound in the hope of Christ this week and in all your weeks to come. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

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

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

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

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

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

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

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.

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Robert Wilson by the Carol Wilson Family.

Participants-Daily Devotions-38, May 15-Sunday Worship Online-168, In Person-140, Sunday School-16, Teachers-7.

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

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.

Pentecost Sunday-June 5, 2022 Pentecost is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after Jesus' Ascension. Join us in this wonderful celebration by wearing **RED**.

Porch Party-June 5, 2022, 6:00pm on the Parsonage Porch. Rev Becky and Jim will host. They will be providing the main dish of hamburgers/hotdogs and drinks. They ask those attending to bring either a side dish or dessert. All are welcome!

St. Paul UCC Prayer Chain-I, Jeff Paul, will be the new leader of the prayer chain going forward. I encourage all members of St. Paul UCC to be involved in the prayer chain. For those interested please email or text me and let me know how you would prefer to receive the prayer requests (either email, text or both). For those wanting to submit a prayer request, you may either email or text me with the details as you would like me to present them to the prayer chain. I will get your request out as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to building this ministry of St. Paul. Jeff Paul

Attention Book Lovers! St. Paul's Book Club will be starting up in June 2022 and we will be kicking things off with *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis! (Yes, *The Chronicles of Narnia* author!) *The Screwtape Letters* is a story about Wormwood, a demon apprentice, who must secure the damnation of a young man who's just become a Christian. He seeks the advice of an experienced devil, his uncle Screwtape. Their correspondence offers invaluable---and often humorous---insights on temptation, pride, and the ultimate victory of faith over evil forces.

If you are interested in joining us for reading and discussion (date and time to be decided), please let Cami Flenar know as soon as possible so we can be sure to have book copies for everyone. Books have arrived and are available on the table outside the church office. You can reach Cami through Facebook Messenger, the Church Facebook page, email or text. I look forward to reading with you!

May/June 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.

MAY MISSION: CROSSROAD CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

Many children struggle – either because of who they are or because of what's happened to them. They have emotional and behavioral difficulties. Crossroad Child and Family Services in Ft. Wayne, Indiana is where they get help, healing and hope. Children who come to Crossroad learn to value themselves and others. For decades, judges, educators, social service professionals, and parents have turned to Crossroad for help with troubled children. Crossroad has become the rock of certainty for its children and for those who love and care about them. Crossroad offers a continuum of care that meets the needs of hurting children and families in Indiana – and beyond to neighboring states such as ours. This non-profit treatment provider for at-risk children and their families needs our support. The UCC established Crossroad in 1883 and St. Paul has been a continual supporter to this organization. Let's continue our support! Thank you!

NEW DISASTER BUCKETS & LIST FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Green Five Gallon buckets and lids can be picked up in the front of the sanctuary or by the church office to be filled with all kinds of supplies for disaster relief. The buckets and lids are free for the taking and to be filled with the list of supplies listed on the sheet of paper inside each bucket.

For every bucket you fill, the Northwest Ohio Association will give St. Paul Church grant money to fill another bucket. This one-to-one match will allow twice as many buckets to be filled to help our neighbors in times of great need. Thank you for once again stepping up to help those in need after a natural disaster. –The Mission Team

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- Dish Soap, Diapers (size 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Shampoo, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Products, Bandages, Vaseline, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, and Pull Ups (size 2-6).** **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Pastor Becky is having foot surgery on June 14. If all goes well, she will return to St. Paul on Friday, July 15 and will return to worship on Sunday, July 17. Bryan Trego and our two SALT interns, Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer, will fill in during her absence. **While Becky is on medical leave, she will not respond to phone calls, text messages or Facebook messages.** Our St. Paul folk will need to go through the church office for any pastoral needs. Thank you for your understanding!

Calendar-Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	All Day	Office Closed
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
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes

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 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.



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ART CAMP FESTIVAL

St. Paul Community Playground

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEW BREMEN

Wednesday, June 8th

5:00pm. - 8:00pm.

Bouncy House • Petting Zoo • Game • Crafts

K-9 Officer • Firetrucks • Food Trucks

FREE EVENT!