

## St. Paul United Church of Christ

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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.

## July 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## **Worship Leaders**

Ministers Rev. Becky Erb Strang Bryan Trego Rev. Jeanette Tangeman Elyssa Mullins Eli Schmitmeyer Arianne Henry Tracy Oldiges Diane Gilberg Jim Strang The Congregation Senior Pastor Supply Pastor Guest Pastor SALT Intern SALT Intern Accompanist Sr. Deacon Sr. Elder 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

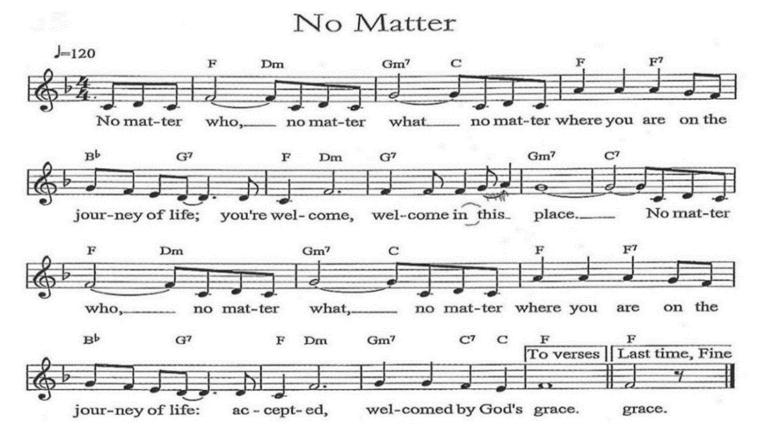
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Community Backpack+ and Washington UCC Back to School Ministry We are continuing to help the disadvantaged children served by Washington UCC by supporting their *Back to School* ministry program. With the funds, they are able to send many of their low-income children back to school, each in a uniform, if required, or new school clothes, underwear and socks, along with a backpack of school supplies and a personal hygiene kit. Our donations last year helped them to provide school uniforms for nearly 25 students in the Camp Washington community.

Continually, in the month of July we will also be helping the New Bremen based Community Backpack+ Program. The Community Backpack+ Programs have come together each year to ensure that all students in our community have the supplies needed to start each school year. In addition, they donate toward school fees for those who cannot afford them, and fund the local "No-Shame Lunch Fund." The, "No-shame Lunch fund," guarantees that every student in the New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Minster school districts, receives a complete daily lunch, regardless of the balance in their lunch account.

On average for both organizations it is estimated that each student's average annual needs are \$75.00 per student. So, throughout the month we will be equally sharing the gifts that are donated to provide uniforms and hygiene kits to the children at Camp Washington and school supplies for the students in our community. Gifts at any level are welcomed, and will make a great impact on the children in these communities. Thank you, the Mission Team.

## WELCOME SONG



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

**People: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.** Leader: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

People: There God's greatness stands majestically.

Leader: God's greatness can be within the human heart. People: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

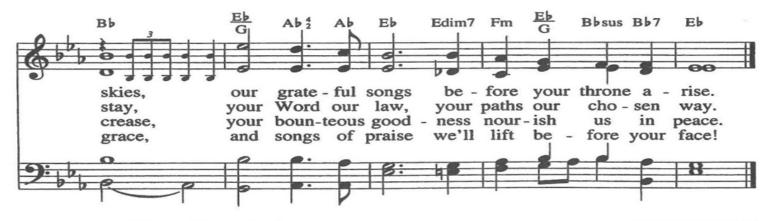
God of the Ages

## God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 728









## A LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Rick Morley-used with permission Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world, **People: We thank you Lord.** 

Leader: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, **People: We thank you Lord.** 

Leader: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all, **People: We thank you Lord.** 

Leader: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

## People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

## People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

## People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

## People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

## People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

## People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sin against God and one another PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, You created us in Your image with minds to know You, hearts to love You, and wills to serve You. You call us to be Your holy people, but we rebel against Your plan. Our knowledge falters, our love wavers, and our obedience resists. Day by day, we fail to grow into Your likeness. Through Your gracious love, forgive us. Renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Enable us to live in the power of Your Spirit. In His name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we have called upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven by grace. Thanks be to God, Amen **GLORIA PATRI** 

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Glory Be to the Father Glory Be to the Father



## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE Joys: Communioning Together!

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Rev. Becky, Joe Lesher, Rob Paul, Tim Smith, Ethel Mesloh, Donald Mohrman, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

# PASTORAL PRAYER, PERSONAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of love, hear the silent prayers too deep for words...God of all generations, we praise you and honor you with our hearts, our minds, and our voices. Thank you for all the ways in which you show your abundant love, grace and faithfulness to our nation and to all the nations of the world. We bask in the freedoms which have been won for us by generations past. Help us to never lose sight of the responsibility which is ours for continuing the struggle for justice and peace that all generations may know freedom. Thank you for sending us your Son that we might know the freedom of fullness of life, that we might be assured of rest when we are weary and shared burdens when our load seems too heavy to bear. We share each other's burdens in our faith family, dear God and ask you to comfort and heal those whose names have been

brought to this place. Even as we share each other's burdens, we also share each other's joys. In genuine love and concern, we also lift our prayers for all those who are serving in mission fields near and far, for the leaders of the churches throughout the world and for the faithful people who worship there, for the leaders of our nation and all nations that one day we may all know the freedom of peace. And now with the confidence of the children of God we lift our voices in the prayer Jesus taught to his disciples and to us...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.

### GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>20</sup> 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.<sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborer for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"<sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."<sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."<sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.<sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this

last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

SUNG RESPONSE Jesus Loves Me Music: William B. Bradbury Words: Anna B. Warner, Rev. Becky Erb Strang

> Jesus loves me, this I know: For his stories tell me so. Parables to him belong Turned upside down, he can't go wrong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me: his stories tell me so.

SERMON

"No Fair, No Fair!"

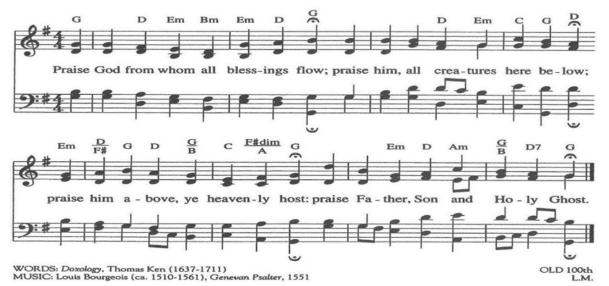
Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we receive our morning offering.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



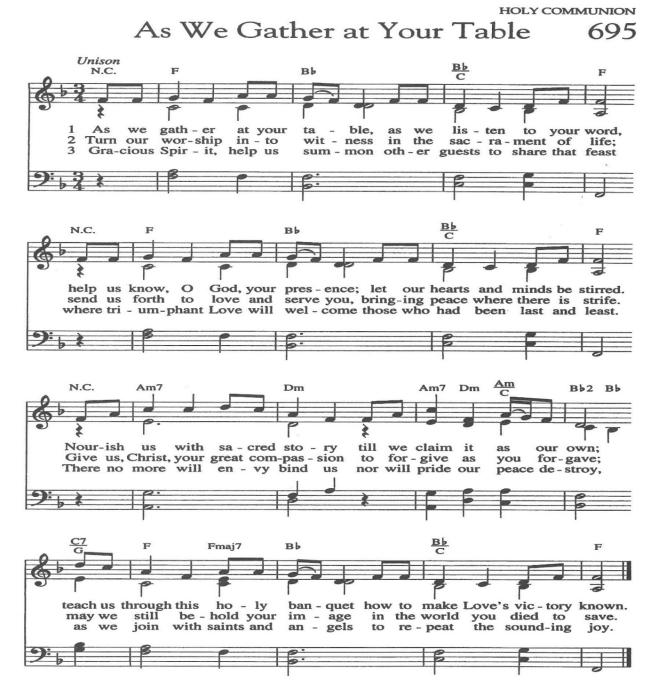
## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy One whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION INVITATION: Christ invites us to this table where all are welcome and the last become first.

COMMUNION HYMN As We Gather At Your Table verse 1



WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-) MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), The Sacred Harp, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-) Words © 1989 Hope Publishing Company Music Arr. © 1992 Hope Publishing Company BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D. COMMUNION PRAYER Pastor: God's Spirit is with you **People: And also with you** Pastor: Lift up your hearts **People: We lift them up to God** 

Pastor: Let us give thanks and praise to God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: Holy One, you speak to us in silence, yet all languages interpret you. Because you call us to be in community, we are able to become gift to one another. We call now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that in sharing them, we may discern your presence which becomes our life. We remember and give you thanks for those called out with a vision of possibility and promise: for Abraham and Sarah, for Isaac and Rebecca, for Jacob with Leah and Rachel, for Moses and Miriam. We thank you for your people who followed Moses through the birthing waters of the Red Sea into the wilderness of tempering search, until they became a people ready to enter the promised land. We thank you for the openness of Mary who dared to accept the call to be the bearer and nurturer of your Anointed One, Jesus. We bless you, O God, for Jesus who through his life, crucifixion, death, and resurrection fully lived the promise of redemptive wholeness available for all who would be obedient to your creating will. Therefore, we rejoice to proclaim:

All: Christ has died; Christ has risen: Christ will come again WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: We remember that Jesus sat and dined with his disciples, taking the bread and blessing it and giving it to them and said, this is my body broken for you. After supper he took the cup of fruit of the vine and said, this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Send your Spirit upon us gathered here and on these elements filling us and them with your presence. All praise and thanks, glory and honor is yours, now and forever. Amen

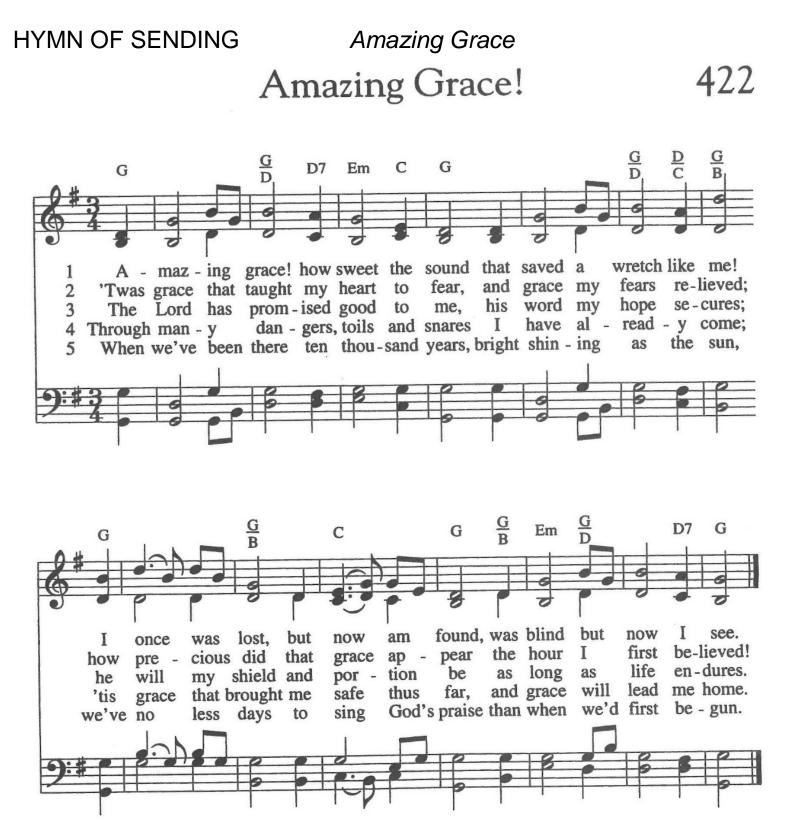
Come for all things are now ready

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched, we have tasted and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant

that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior Amen.



## BENEDICTION



## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by Deb and Don Klein.

Participants-Daily Devotions-, June 19-Sunday Worship Online-, In Person-.

Sundays in July-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. They will be saved to our Facebook & Instagram page.

**Elmwood Worship-**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Bryan Trego, Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer with this wonderful service. Please meet them by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

**Summer Volleyball League** for ages 11-17 will play again Wednesday July 13 & 20. Feel free to join us for all or any of the remaining dates.

**Widow and Widower Luncheon-**The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 13. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

**Lost????** Did you lose a dish? There are many unclaimed dishes in the kitchen with no names on them! Why not stop by and see if one (or more) might be yours. If they are not claimed by the end of July, they will be included in the next Rummage Sale! Thanks, Kitchen Team.

**School Bags-**The Women's Service Group of St. Paul have, for many years, been able to send at least 50 school bags filled with school supplies to Church World Service to be given to those throughout the world who had recently suffered disasters in their lives caused by wars, floods, tornadoes, fires, etc. Our ability to make fifty school bags is harder because our members are less able due to the age of our bodies and the age of some of our sewing machines. We are asking if there are women and yes, men, who enjoy sewing and would like to help us fill our goal of sending another 50 bags for next year? If you can help, please notify Joyce Gilberg.

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, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Diapers, Pull Ups, Baby Wipes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Products, Manicure Items, Paper Plates, Storage Bags, Garbage Bags. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Pastor Becky is away for recuperation from foot surgery on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She will not respond to any emails, text or Facebook messages or phone calls until she is back in the office. Thank you for your understanding! 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, 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!

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.

Calendar-Week of July 3, 2022			
Sunday	10:15am	Worship-w/ Holy Communion	
		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	
	11:30am-1:30pm	Youth Activity-6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	
	Bowling & Pizza-Speedway Lanes		
	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	5:00pm-8:00pm	Parent Date Night	

## 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.





## God is gracious and merciful.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers
Monday	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	Philippians 1:21-30	What life means to Paul
Wednesday	Exodus 16:2-15	Bread from heaven
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	God's faithfulness to Israel
Friday	Titus 2:11-15	God's kindness
Saturday	Psalm 145:1-8	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145:8 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, we thank you that you care for all, especially those who feel left behind, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of grace and mercy, we thank you for your care for us that gives us food from your fruitful creation. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the undeserved kindness of God bless you with faith and good courage now and always.



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## WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Think about or tell a story of how someone was kind to you.
- Has it ever been difficult for you to be kind to someone? What made it difficult?
- Is God's kindness to you a surprise or not? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS

#### Read: Jonah 3:10-4:11.

Frankly, we don't really like God's justice. It's too supportive of people unlike us! Like Jonah, we don't want a God who is slow to anger and full of steadfast love for people we don't think deserve it, especially those we would consider our enemies. That's why Jonah ran away from God (v. 4:2). Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrians who had destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC. Now God told Jonah to preach repentance to the Ninevites. Jonah was afraid to do this because he knew of God's love and mercy, something he did not want showered upon his enemies. And Jonah was right; it happened, and it angered him. It's just like in Jesus' parable of the generous landowner (Matthew 20:1-16) where it seems so wrong for people who worked in the fields all day only to get the same wage as those who started at the end of the day. Is it easy or hard for you to accept God's justice where "the undeserving" receive the same generosity you receive? Explain.

*Pray:* Gracious and merciful God, give me faith to love your generosity for all people, especially those who are different from me. In Jesus' name, amen.

## SERVICE

The story of the vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16 is about a generous owner who paid the laborers the same amount at the end of the day even if some worked harder and longer than others. Some of the laborers grumbled. The owner asked, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15). In what ways are you generous to others with what belongs to you?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

In Exodus 16:2-15 bread was provided from heaven. Prepare a meal that includes bread. Think or talk about Moses and the Israelites and how they had to learn to be patient and have faith in God to feed them daily as they traveled to the Promised Land. What does this mean for you? Before you eat, pray: Lord, thank you for this bread you have given us to eat. Help us to never forget how you provide for us just as you did for the Israelites. Amen.



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

Dinner and activities are provided!

## PARENT DATE NIGHT!

## JULY 9, 2022 5-8PM

CHILDREN MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT 5PM AT ST. PAUL CHURCH IN NEW BREMEN AND PICKED UP AT 8PM TO ALLOW PARENTS TO HAVE A DATE NIGHT

RSVP by Wednesday July 6th at 419-629-2502 or stpaulnbenktelco.net JULY 16TH 6-8PM

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

St. Paul UCC New Bremen

JOIN US FOR FOOD, CAMES, AND ACTIVITIES!

Call 419-629-2502 with any questions!

JOIN ST. PAUL CHURCH Thursday July 21st

# FISHING WITH FRIENDS

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! HOSTED BY JOHN & NANCY KNOST 1585 CARDO ROAD FORT LORAMIE, OH 45845

> 9 am Fishing with Friends Bring: Bait & Fishing Pole 11 am – Swimming & Splashing Bring: Sunscreen & Smiles! Lunch will be provided

RSVP to the Church Office 419–629–2502