

September 12, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We greet you in the name of the Risen Christ who loves us beyond measure.

Yesterday was Kick-Off Sunday. Sunday School was well attended. Worship was Spirit-filled with Bible presentations, Chancel Choir anthem, and fellowship reception following. Thank you for making St. Paul your spiritual home!

Youth programming begins on Wednesday, September 14. We start with Splash (3-5 grade youth) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth grades 3-12 will eat dinner together at 6:30 p.m. Then, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Junior/Senior High Youth Group will meet as well as Confirmation class. **Mimi Messick is seeking volunteers to cook youth dinners for Wednesday evenings. Please contact Mimi if you are interested.**

Beginning on Sunday, September 18, the Nursery will reopen for babies, toddlers and preschool children during worship. We will have two volunteers in the nursery each week. If you would like to assist with this vital ministry to young families, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

Also on September 18, St. Paul will host an Eagle Scout Project Dedication ceremony at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the hard work Jared and Jordan Weigandt put into our Community Playground. The ceremony will take place in the playground. A reception will follow.

Amy Opperman is organizing a Women's Bible Study for Thursday evenings beginning October 27. Stay tuned for more details!

Pastor Becky will lead a Funeral Planning Workshop on Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. This workshop will provide resources for you to leave for your family following your death. All are welcome.

Church Council is beginning to look toward 2023. We are seeking volunteers to serve next year as:

**Council Vice President Junior Elder
Trustee**

Please see Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkraft if you would like to serve on Council in 2023.

At the August Church Council meeting, Council voted to replace the parsonage upstairs air conditioning unit and furnace. **The cost for these items is \$9940.00.** We have approximately \$2000.00 raised for this project. Council invites you to give generously to the Project of the Year to complete this project. Thank you!

May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

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

Financial Information as of September 12, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$6,520.00 (weekly)
Endowment Trans \$15,900.00(ytd)
Income \$217,078.02(ytd)
Expenses \$225,344.08(ytd)
Balance **(\$8,266.06)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$38,304.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. **(\$3,862.68)**(ytd)
Expenses \$18,064.20(ytd)
Balance \$53,026.21(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$6,867.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$18,739.70(ytd)
Expenses \$20,004.06(ytd)
Balance \$10,954.46(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$9,165.00(ytd)
Expenses \$10,911.10(ytd)
Balance \$27,415.02(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$942.50(weekly)
Income \$16,881.50(ytd)



September 18, 2022, The Call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-9

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



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

God of blessing, you called Abraham and Sarah to leave all they knew in order to follow you, and without hesitation, they went. Give us that same trust in you, that we might follow where you lead. Amen.



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

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Sometimes we have to wait on God's promises. But God always keeps promises and extends blessings through them.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How is God's covenant with Abraham fulfilled today? If all humankind is now in covenant with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus, then how shall we treat one another? Where are you accepting of others? Where are you intolerant?
- How has God blessed you? What are you grateful for? Practicing gratitude is a holy practice. Do it often this week.
- For the littles: Can you keep all your promises? God can!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God keep God's promise to walk with you every step of your life. Amen.



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

God's blessings and promises are as numerous as the stars. Go outside at night and count the stars. Take notice of God's blessings in your life throughout the week.



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

Monday, Genesis 15:1-6, *God's Covenant with Abram*

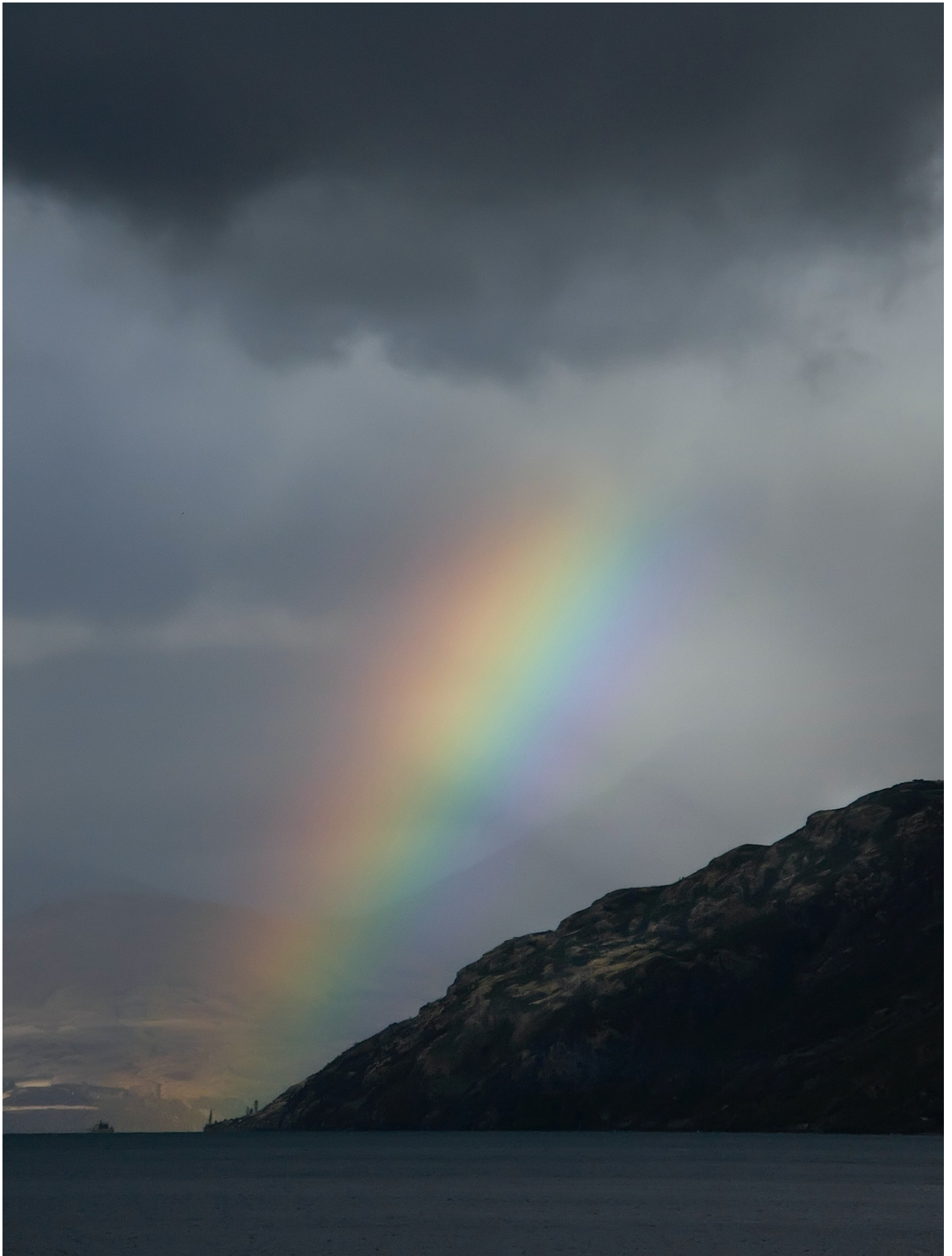
Tuesday, Genesis 21:1-7, *The Birth of Isaac*

Wednesday, Genesis 25:19-28, *The Birth of Esau and Jacob*

Thursday, Genesis 35:16-26, *The Birth of Benjamin and Death of Rachel*

Friday, Genesis 37:1-11, *Joseph Dreams of Greatness*

Saturday, Genesis 37:12-36, *Joseph is Sold by His Brothers*



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, this is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator.

May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.

September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Kim Hemmelgarn

Katie Brautigam

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

Terri Mullins

Julia Mullins

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Accompanist

Sr. Deacon

Chancel Choir/Music Director

Responsive Skit Reader

Responsive Skit Reader

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING PANTRY UPDATE: Beth Bretz

Thriving: Mission Team *Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)* For close to two decades, the Mission Team of St. Paul Church has met regularly to determine monthly missions for the congregation as well as lift up Mission Projects of the Year every other year. Currently, the Mission Team is under the umbrella of the Discipleship Team with June Oaks as its chair. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry to our neighbors in need, please see June.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues the lyrics: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes with: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." The score includes various guitar chords such as F, Dm, Gm7, C, Bb, G7, and F7. The final measure of the fourth staff is marked "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's promises are sure.

People: We will go where God sends us.

Leader: God has richly blessed us.

People: We will be a blessing to others!

HYMN OF PRAISE *We All Are One in Mission*

WITNESS & MISSION

552 We All Are One in Mission

D G/D D D/A A/G D/F# G6 D/A A7 D

1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty:
 4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

A7/E D/F# D+/F# F#7 Gdim7 G D7/A Gmaj7/B A/C# D E7/B A

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the au - thor of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A D A7/E D/F# G D/F# Bm Bm/F# F# E Bm/D B/D# Em

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

A/C# D G/D D Gmaj9 Em/G G Em7 Em Asus A7 D

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) (from UCC Book of Worship)

We come to you, O God, and wait for the kindling flame of your Holy Spirit, calling us into fully and richer lives. You have blessed us by the night's rest and the morning light. Open us to your claim on us. Show us your way. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus: our Savior, Sovereign, and Friend. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

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

WORDS: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd c.
MUSIC: Henry W. Creatorex (1813-1858)

CREATOREX
Irregular

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US

When our sons were little, we often read them the children's book Love You Forever by Robert Munsch and Sheila McGraw. It is the story of a woman, from the moment her child was born, sang to him:

*I'll love you forever.
I'll like you for always.
As long as I'm living
My baby you'll be.*

In the story, even when her toddler was driving her crazy, she loved him. When he became a rebellious teenager, she loved him. When he grew into a man with his own family, she loved him. The point being—there was nothing that would change the mother's love for her child.

God is the same with each of us. We are loved no matter how rebellious and stubborn and hard-hearted we are. God loves us no matter how many times we wander away. God loves us even when we hurt others or ourselves. God loves us and sings to us daily:

I'll love you forever.

I'll like you for always.

As long as I'm living

My baby you'll be.

Friends: never forget that you are loved. Always and forever. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Be Still

Karen Marroli

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Our Blessing Pantry!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Terri Goodwin, Janet Eilerman, Karen Fox, Kay Makley, Lois Dicke, Rob Paul, Ethel Mesloh, Donald Mohrman, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and gracious God, today we lift up to you in prayer your church, our community, our nation, the world, and all those in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: God of abundant blessings, your extravagant love for Abraham became a blessing for all the earth. Make us instruments of blessing for others, so that all may know your love. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Make every blade of grass, every drop of dew, and every wisp of wind remind us that your creation is a precious gift, entrusted to our care. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Make every conversation in boardrooms and government offices, in community halls and household kitchens, contribute to the blessings that you intend for all creation. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Make every medicine, every healer, every prayer warrior, and all who heal, instruments of your divine healing. Bring healing and wholeness to all who need your healing touch. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Make every hungry belly, every unsheltered head, every sick soul, and every exiled person find love, acceptance, nourishment, housing, and aid. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: With gratitude, we remember all the saints who have fulfilled your call to bring blessing to this world. Unite us again with them when all the world is made new in your love and justice. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Trusting in your grace and mercy, we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together...

All: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9 (The Message)

God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.

*²⁻³ I'll make you a great nation
and bless you.*

I'll make you famous;

you'll be a blessing.

I'll bless those who bless you;

those who curse you I'll curse.

All the families of the Earth

will be blessed through you."

⁴⁻⁶ So Abram left just as God said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound.

Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem and the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites occupied the land.

⁷ God appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your children." Abram built an altar at the place God had appeared to him.

⁸ He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there and prayed to God.

⁹ Abram kept moving, steadily making his way south, to the Negev.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Please Lead

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and features a simple harmonic structure. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is primarily composed of chords, with some moving lines in the bass. The vocal line is a simple melody that follows the lyrics. The lyrics are: "Lord, please lead me now and I will fol - low to a fu - ture I don't know. I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. Let me be like A - bra - ham who knew that God's prom - is - es come true. You are the light that casts a - way my dark - ness. Lord, please lead and I will go." The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. Above the first system, the chords C, F maj 7, C, F maj 7, C, and F maj 7 are indicated.

RESPONSIVE SKIT

Person 1: Ah, I feel so blessed.

Person 2: What does that even mean?

Person 1: What do you mean “what does it mean”?

Person 2: People are always saying things like, “Have a blessed day” or “I feel blessed.” But I think maybe that word doesn’t mean what they think it means.

Person 1: Well it means...

Person 2: What?

Person 1: I was going to say that it means “happy” or that things are going well, but that doesn’t...I mean...

Person 2: You mean that if things are going well for you but not for someone else, God is blessing you, but not them.

Person 1: Yeah. And that doesn’t seem right. I believe God blesses everyone no matter what.

Person 2: Exactly. So maybe what you mean when you say you feel blessed is that you’re just lucky.

Person 1: Well, no, that doesn’t seem right either. Because I know everything comes from God.

Person 2: Agreed. So is it a blessing then?

Person 1: Well yes. And...maybe it’s more than that?

Person 2: More how?

Person 1: I was just thinking about the story of God talking to Abraham and how God said God would bless Abraham to be a blessing to others.

Person 2: So it wasn’t just like Abraham hit the divine Powerball and he got to live it up, basking in God’s favor.

Person 1: Nope. Abraham had a job to do. A big one. He had to go out and be a blessing to the world.

Person 2: He kinda blew that more than once.

Person 1 (laughing): True enough. But you get my point.

Person 2: So maybe when things are going well for us, it is a blessing but only because we are supposed to act out of gratitude by blessing others.

Person 1: Doesn’t that make more sense?

Person 2: It does. I still think people overuse the word “blessed” and I still think most of them use it to mean “lucky” or “happy.”

Person 1: From now on, I’m gonna use it to mean “called.”

Person 2: Ooh! I like that! In that case, I feel blessed, too.

Person 1: That’s great! What makes you feel blessed?

Person 2: Oh, you know, that even though I lost my job and my kids are struggling, I am not alone.

Person 1: Whoa. You are dealing with all that? And you still feel blessed?

Person 2: What were we just saying? Yes. I feel blessed. Because in spite of all that is going on in my life, there are things that are going well for me and I can be a blessing to other people no matter what.

Person 1: Yeah. Okay. Sorry. I was just surprised. I guess it’s pretty deeply ingrained to think about being blessed only when things are going well.

Person 2: It does take work to see things differently than popular culture or conventional wisdom would have you see them.

Person 1: Worth it, though. Next time I go through a rough patch—and you know I will, because everyone does—I’ll try to remember to see how I’m still blessed.

Person 2: Cool. How ‘bout you bless me with your company and we go grab a cup of coffee.

Person 1: Sounds like a plan.

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

The skit we just heard and saw talks about being a blessing to others—that no matter the circumstances of our lives, we are blessed by God. And in response to God’s blessings, we are called to be a blessing to others. During the Epiphany season we talk about being the Light of Christ to others. During Easter season we talk about offering new life to others through the Risen Christ.

In today’s scripture lesson, in this extended Pentecost season, we hear the story of God calling Abram (Abraham) to leave everything behind in order to follow God to the Promised Land. God also promises that, through Abraham, everyone (that means all!) will know God’s blessings.

Be the Light. Offer New Life to Others. Be a Blessing. All of these images/phrases set us on the path of discipleship—following God by following Jesus. Our Bible is chock-full of stories of discipleship: being called by God for service in our world. Our faith community is, at its very core, a communal life of service to others: Loving God and Loving our Neighbors. In other words: Discipleship. Christian Discipleship.

Yet, it is our confession that we wander away from our calling. It is our confession that we would rather nurse our wounded hearts rather than offer forgiveness. It is our confession that we tend toward violence and prejudice and oppression rather than doing as Jesus demands: loving our enemies and turning the other cheek. And when it comes to blessings, we tend to treat them as if they are commodities to squirrel away instead of to share extravagantly.

Being a blessing, being a disciple of Jesus, does not mean we are perfect or have our lives in order. Far from it. Over and over again, the Bible tells stories of God calling the most improbably imperfect people to carry out his work. It is the same for each of us. WE are called because we are loved. We are loved because we belong to God. And, because we belong to God, we are sent out to share his blessings, his love, his grace with everyone. Absolutely everyone.

What good news! No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are called to a life of discipleship, a life of service, a life of offering blessing and light to others.

This sounds off-topic, but it is not. Who here has done crafts with glitter at some point in your life? Have you ever tried to clean up that glitter afterwards? Almost impossible, huh? Even when we think we've wiped up the very last of that shiny stuff, weeks later we'll still find it in some random room of our house or even clinging to our foreheads.

Maybe that's what God's blessings are like. Perhaps at birth we were given a bag full of glitter by God: the glitter of love and faith and hope and forgiveness. The glitter of grace and peace and the Holy Spirit. We might TRY to keep God's blessings (that bag of glitter) all to ourselves, but it never works that way. God's blessings, God's glitter, God's love, spills out of that glitter/life-bag: no matter how hard we try to keep it tucked safely away.

What would happen if we simply let our lives shine with the Light, the Love, the Glitter that God has given to us? What would happen if we dug deep into that bag and began to scatter glitter everywhere we went? What might our lives look like if we made a conscious effort to scatter joy and love and light at every turn—even in difficult times?

Abraham took that first scary step, packing up his life and his family and heading toward the Promised Land. Yes, he made some spectacular mistakes along the way, but God never withdrew or withheld his blessing. Everywhere Abraham traveled, he became a blessing to others simply because he was chosen.

The same is true for each of us. You are chosen by God for a mission, a calling, a life that is unique to you. You are loved by God—always. That love is never withdrawn or withheld. You have been gifted with a bag-full of blessings (and possibly glitter).

The choice is yours to make. Will you squirrel away your blessings/God's glitter OR will you let that glorious stuff scatter everywhere you go?

Let's get out and make this community sparkle and shine with love. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: When we give our offerings—whether online, mailed in envelopes or placed in offering plates—we are thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. In a moment, we will sing the Doxology and offer a Prayer of Dedication—a prayer that this offering might be used to bring hope to the hopeless, healing to the hurting, food to the hungry: all for the building up of God’s kingdom in this community and beyond. Offering our time, talents and treasure is an act of trust—trust in God and trust in St. Paul Church. Let us give generously as a continuing act of sharing our many blessings. Amen.

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 lyrics 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;'. The second system covers 'praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The first system has chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D. The second system has chords: Em, D/F#, 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

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God, you have blessed us to be a blessing to the world. Use these gifts, we pray, for the good of all those in need of your loving care. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

Unison
G Am G D7 C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7/G D/F# D/C G Am/G D7/G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
my hand will save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); arr. Michael Pope (20th c.), Daniel L. Schutte (1947-), John Weissrock (20th c.)

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Refrain

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D D7 F#

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

a tempo G Gsus G D7 A C/E D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7 G Am G/B C6 D D/F# D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G C/G G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G G/C G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

BENEDICTION: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A F/B^b Gm⁹ C⁷

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

F Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A F/B^b 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 turn to one another and greet each other with Christ's peace!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by Kendall and Emily Willrath Family.

Participants-September 3-Saturday Worship In Person-38, September 4-Sunday Worship Online-259, In Person-56.

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

Nursery Re-Opening September 18-Beginning Sunday, September 18, our St. Paul Church nursery will be fully staffed during worship services. Please spread the word to let young parents know this is available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

Eagle Scout Project Dedication: September 18 at 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m., you are invited to the St. Paul Community Playground as we dedicate Jordan and Jared Weigandt's Eagle Scout projects. Both young men did a fabulous job with landscaping, benches, and corn hole. A reception will follow the formal dedication. All are welcome!

Project of the Year Update-During 2022, St. Paul Church is raising funds for smaller physical plant projects. At the August Church Council meeting, Council voted to replace the parsonage upstairs air conditioning unit and furnace. **The cost for these items is \$9940.00.** Council invites you to give generously to the Project of the Year to complete this project. Thank you!

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 page.

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

September Book Club- Hello Book Lovers! September Book Club (reading The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede) is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 following worship in the Zoom Room. This book is about how one small community in Newfoundland became heroes for stranded travelers in a time of chaos and confusion during the 9/11 tragedy. If you are interested in reading stories about the kindness of strangers, please join. This event will be available in person and via Zoom. Questions? Contact Cami Flenar. We hope you can join us! Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906786890?pwd=UGZIR3hQNFFxRENIZjI5NWwhNYU9CZz09> Meeting ID: 889 0678 6890 Passcode: 637129

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, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tampons, Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Kleenex, Dish Soap, Pull Ups. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

September/October 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 September 18, 2022

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| Sunday | 9:00am | Sunday School |
| | 9:30am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:15am | Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live |
| | 11:30am | Book Club |
| | 2:00pm | Eagle Scout Project Dedication St Paul Community Playground |
| Monday | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| | 2:00pm-4:00pm | Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee |
| 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 |
| | 6:30pm | Youth Dinner |
| | 7:00pm-8:00pm | Jr/Sr High Youth Group |
| | 7:00pm-8:00pm | Confirmation |
| Thursday | 7:00pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Blessing Pantry Open |
| Friday | Noon | Office Closed |

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



WARM WINTER APPAREL DRIVE

Share the Warmth

September 19 – October 30th



**Agape Ministries is now accepting Donations of
NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS,
HATS, GLOVES, & WATER PROOF SNOW GLOVES
Adult Large through 3XL especially needed**

Coat Drive Dates: September 19 – October 30th.
**Drop off: Agape Client Services Building at 1220 East Spring Street
from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.**

****If dropping of at Thrift Store, please tell them it
is for the coat drive so they do not get sold in the store****

2022

AGAPE THRIFT STORE IS HIRING! PART TIME POSITIONS



Off Every Evening, Sundays, Holidays & Saturdays by 3:30 pm.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- CASHIERS
- BACK DOOR DONATION ASSISTANTS

Applications available at the Thrift Store.
If interested in any of these positions,
stop in to fill out an application.



Morning & Afternoon 4 – 6 Hour Shifts

Morning Shift Hours: 9 am – 1 pm
Afternoon Shift Hours: 1 pm – 5 pm
Saturday Hours: 9 am – 3 pm