Generous Faith!



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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 10, 2022 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The Congregation
Rev. Becky Erb Strang	Senior Pastor
Bryan Trego	Supply Pastor
Elyssa Mullins	SALT Intern
Eli Schmitmeyer	SALT Intern
Arianne Henry	Accompanist
Tracy Oldiges	Sr. Deacon
Jim Strang	Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAIN COME DOWN: CHANCEL CHOIR To the choirmaster. A Song. A Psalm. ¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. (Psalm 66:1) St. Paul Church's Chancel Choir typically sings in worship on the second and fourth Sundays of each month of the school year. They rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on the Sundays they sing. If you would like to join this fun, musical group, please see Choir Director, Jim Strang.

WELCOME SONG



CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13. NIV)

Leader: Praise be to you, Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting.

People: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

Leader: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.

People: Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

People: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Leader: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but often we live as if that makes no difference. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us atone for what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

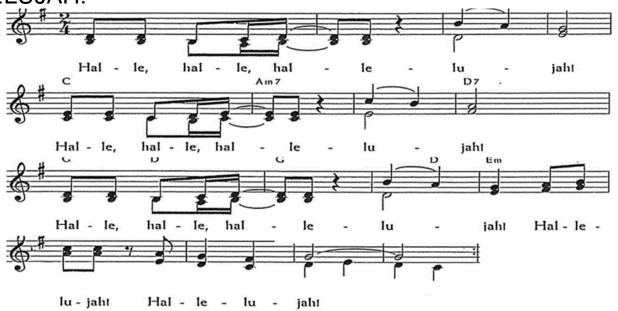
SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God set you apart before you were born. In God's grace there is a place for you. Leave your past behind. It is forgiven. Embrace the new future Christ offers. Live and share the faith, now vital and alive to you!

People: Amen!

HALLELUJAH!



PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Being a Community of Generous Faith!

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

Please keep the families of Timothy Smith and Jeanette Quellhorst in your prayers. Tim passed away Thursday, June 30, 2022. Service to celebrate his life were held Thursday, July 7, 2022.

Jeanette passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022. Private family services will be held to celebrate her life.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER God of light, we have heard your message, proclaimed of old, that in you there is no dark cloud at all; nothing exists that can hide the light of your presence. Forgive us when we cling to the shadows, failing to heed your call to wake up and join the work of your reign. Send us to do your deeds of mercy and peace: to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, touch the sick with your healing balm, console the sorrowing, visit the prisoners, welcome the stranger. Guide us in this time of shadows. Keep us from despair when we see that there is no peace in our cities and no security in our places of higher learning.

SILENCE

Gracious God, lift our eyes toward you so that we may see your face shining on us and walk in your light. Comfort with your presence those who are living in the shadow of grief, shattered by the loss of children, parents, spouses, friends, and colleagues. Give assurance to all who are missing loved ones that the living and the dead are in your care, certain of being joined again in the unbroken circle that will sing your praise forever. 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 15:8-10

(NRSV)

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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.

MEDITATION

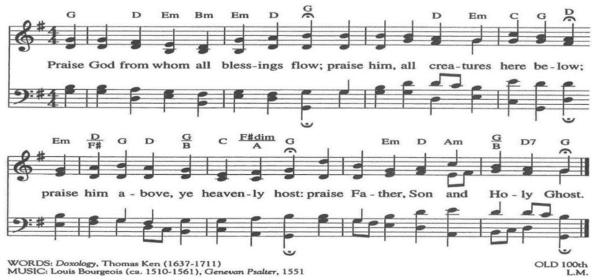
Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: "Consider the lilies...look at the birds of the air": Jesus pulls our attention away from our worries about scarcity and turns our gaze toward the beautiful gifts of God's creations, signs of abundance and grace surrounding us always. Trust may be difficult for us, as it was for those early disciples, yet we bring our gifts together with the assurance of God's care for us every day of our lives. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

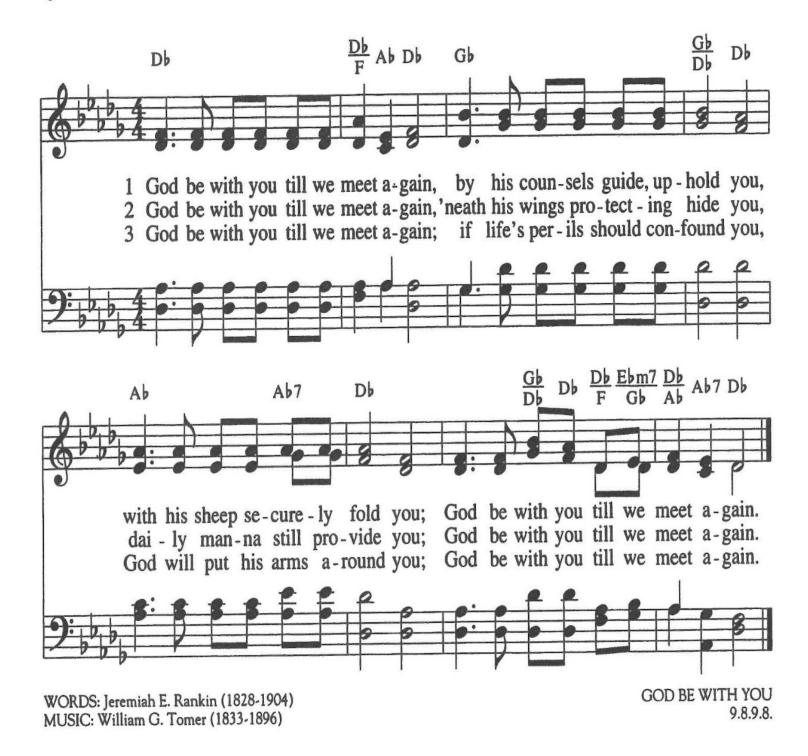
All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

God Be with You

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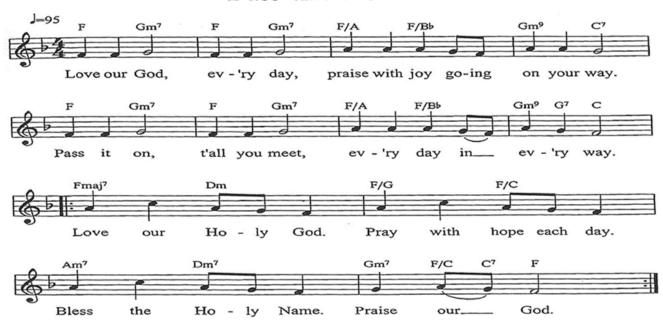


BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Pass the Love

Pass the Love



PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pass the Peace of Christ to one another!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Peg Chamberlin by Dan Chamberlin.

Participants-Daily Devotions-112, June 26-Sunday Worship Online-113 with technical difficulties, In Person-52.

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.

St. Paul History Exploration-Attention new members, history lover and people wanting to know more about the church! SALT Interns Elyssa Mullins and Eli Schmitmeyer will be offering a history walk/tour of St. Paul Church! This tour will include information about the formation of our congregation, our prior locations/buildings, as well as the stain glass windows in our sanctuary. The tour will begin on July 26 at 7 PM. Please meet in the Theater. We hope to see you there!

Book Club Announcement!-For July, we will be reading *The Wedding Gift* by Marlene Suyapa Bodden. This book was recommended for the club by our own Ann Kuhn!

In 1852, when prestigious Alabama plantation owner Cornelius Allen gives his daughter Clarissa's hand in marriage, she takes with her a gift: Sarah—her slave and her half-sister. Raised by an educated mother, Clarissa is not the proper Southern belle she appears to be, with ambitions of loving whom she chooses. Sarah equally hides behind the façade of being a docile house slave as she plots to escape. Both women bring these tumultuous secrets and desires with them to their new home, igniting events that spiral into a tale beyond what you ever imagined possible.

I hope you will join us for this July read! Pick up your copy of the book from the table outside the church office! Contact Cami Flenar by email or on Facebook with any questions!

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.

July Monthly Mission-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. 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.

Pastor Becky is away for recuperation from foot surgery on June 14th. 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 10, 2022

Sunday	10:15am Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live	
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
-	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:00pm-8:00pm	Volleyball-Ages 11-17
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	6:00pm-8:00pm	Family Fun 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.

Dinner and activities are provided!



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,
GAMES, AND ACTIVITIES!

Call 419-629-2502 with any questions!



SUMMER PLAYGROUND/ PORCH PARTY

Hosted by Lisa & Jeff Weigandt and Family

SUNDAY JULY 17TH
6-9PM
ST PAUL COMMUNITY
PLAYGROUND
NEW BREMEN

HAMBURGERS,
HOTDOGS, AND
DRINKS PROVIDED. IF
ATTENDING PLEASE
BRING A SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT TO SHARE

