



I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. - Matthew 25:35

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Rev. Becky Erb Strang-Senior Pastor

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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.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Confirmation Faith Statements

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Katie Brautigam
Diane Gilberg
Bryan Trego
Jim Strang

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Elder
Music Director

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm7 C F F7
No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B \flat G7 F Dm G7 Gm7 C7
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm7 C F F7
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B \flat G7 F Dm Gm7 C7 C F F
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us rejoice in God!

People: Let us sing with all creation.

Leader: God rules the earth with justice,

People: And calls us to do justice for others.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

No. 106

(all verses)

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 throug 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 - cribe, 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!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God of grace and mercy,

People: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and truth, admit our brokenness and sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say: In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

No. 734

734

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. 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, 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, Em7, Ab, Eb, Bb, Gm, Bb, Bb7, Eb.

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

GREATOREX
Irregular

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Hearing our Confirmands' faith statements.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Jay Waterman, Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Molly Borkowski, Terri Mullins, and Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Ever-present God, give us eyes to see you in the faces of others, that we might be Christ for them in their need. Help us, too, to accept the help of others when we are in need. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Your blessed creation relies upon us to preserve, protect, and nurture it. Make us committed stewards of all the earth, that all might thrive. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: As we walk together on this journey of Lent, give us the humility to see where we have failed to care for others. Free us from judgment, that we might love and serve all people regardless of who we think they are. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen caregivers, medical staff, and all who serve you by working for the health of others. Pour your healing blessings upon all who are ill or in pain. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us live in peace with all your children throughout the world. Make us ever mindful that you are in each of us and that we should treat one another with love. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving all the saints who have clothed, fed, and visited countless people in need. Inspire us by their example to live in faithfulness to you. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...**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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Is it I, Lord?

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:31-40 (The Message)

Jesus said, "When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

³⁴⁻³⁶ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,

I was homeless and you gave me a room,

I was shivering and you gave me clothes,

I was sick and you stopped to visit,

I was in prison and you came to me.'

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'"

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Our God is in all things and in all people.

People: Do we see Jesus' face when we look at our neighbors?

Leader: Or do we judge them by our own standards,

People: And decide whether they are worthy of our compassion and help?

Leader: Do we acknowledge the injustice in our systems and see Jesus in the faces of the oppressed?

People: Or do we judge them and find them to be at fault for what happens to them?

Leader: Judgment belongs to God alone.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: Let us see the face of Jesus in our neighbors,

People: And work tirelessly for their good.

SUNG RESPONSE

Prepare Us, Lord

Piano/Organ

Prepare Us, Lord

A Song for Lent

February 26 through March 26, 2023

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

Am Em F C *introduction*

Pre - pare us, Lord. Give us a hum - ble heart, an

with pedal

introduction Dm E Am **Fine**

o - pen heart that's read - y for your love.

F Am F Am

^{3/26} The Son of Man will come a - gain with an - gels by his side. How

Dm Am Dm E **D.C. al Fine**

we treat oth - ers in their need will show God what's in - side.

Composer's note: Because the verses are a little difficult to sing, you may wish to have them sung by a soloist or a group

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS & PARENT BLESSINGS

Josie Bornhorst

Gavin Dicke

Gracie Henry

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES: In this season of repentance, reflection, and forgiveness, let us give as we are able—generously and joyfully.

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 34

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the doxology. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the following lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system has the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the vocal lines, guitar chords are indicated: 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

OLD 100th
L.M.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) **God of justice, so many are hungry, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Give us hearts to respond generously to the needs of others, and make us aware that in so doing, we are caring for you. We offer these gifts toward your work of justice and equity in the world. Accept them, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SENDING

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

No. 571

571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am C D7 G

1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;
 2 Teach us how to work to - geth-er, broth-ers, sis - ters, side by side,
 3 Let us be a ser - vant peo-ple, re - con-cil - ing, end - ing strife,

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am C D7 G

plant in us a deep com - mit - ment all your work and will to do.
 e - qual part - ners in the strug - gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
 seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.

Em Dm C Bdim/D Am/E E Am D D/C G/B Em D/F# G A7 D

Fire a pas - sion for your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
 To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo - man, young or old;
 Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;

G D7/A G/B Em C6 C/D D G G/B Am7 D G/B Em D7/A G/B Am C D7 G

help us heal the bro - ken - heart - ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
 help us use each skill and tal - ent your great pur - pose to un - fold.
 send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.

WORDS: Joy F. Patterson (1931-)
 MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.; arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)
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IN BABILONE
 8.7.8.7.D.

***BENEDICTION:** May you, people of God, know that God our Father and Creator made you and guides your every step. Jesus Christ gave his life for you and brings you new life. And the Holy Spirit keeps you in the Lord's

presence and empowers you to love God by loving your neighbors. May the God of Love continue to bless you today and forevermore. 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 share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of George Voress Sr. by Judy Voress, George and Karen Voress, and John and Gin Voress.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Karl & Ethel Mesloh (East door), Jay Waterman (North door), and Brenda Utz (South door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- March 19| Sunday School-18, Teachers-5; Worship Online-213, In-Person-73

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

Daily Devotions-Please join us, Monday-Thursday, online. Devotions will air and saved on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

March Book Club- All are welcome to St. Paul UCC's Zoom Room following worship on Sunday, March 26 for our monthly Book Club. We will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Books can be picked up on the table outside Pastor Becky's office. This event is offered in-person and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81658941733?pwd=d0t3V1luaGtnK1FzR3BnSktFci9vdz09> Meeting ID: 816 5894 1733 Passcode: 198853

Holy Week Worship Services

April 2. Palm Sunday/Rite of Confirmation at 10:15am in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Sunday School children will process with palms at the start of the service.

April 6. Maundy Thursday Healing Service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Service will include prayers, scripture, sermon, Prayers of Healing, Sacrament of Holy Communion and lighting of candles for healing.

April 7. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Service will include music, scriptures and candlelight slowly diminishing until only the Christ Candle is lit.

April 9. Easter Sunday! No Sunday School- enjoy Easter Worship with your family. Worship will be held in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live at 7:00am and 10:15am. Service will include music, prayers, scriptures, preaching and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Brain Longevity Class- A 3 week series on Brain Longevity- how to prevent or slow Alzheimer's Disease. Classes will be held on Saturday April 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 9am-noon in the theater room. The cost per participant is \$90 or \$120 a couple (or Caregiver plus AD client/spouse/partner). Register by calling Kimberly Oen at 419-500-4935.

2023 Altar Flower Chart has open dates: July 2, 30, August 27. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will be \$40.00. Thank you.

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Technology Director, Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Worship Organist is responsible for playing organ/piano during worship services, accompanies the choirs and works closely with the Worship Team.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

The Technology Director serves part time at St. Paul Church to maintain and update all computer, networking and worship technologies. The Technology Director works closely with the Worship Tech Team and the Worship Team.

March Monthly Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Deadly wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and wars have left people homeless, families grieving loss of loved ones, and entire communities awaiting assistance for long term disaster recovery.

Refugees and asylum seekers are left in limbo, languishing at borders, awaiting welcome. Many have been displaced by economic conditions, war, and climate change. Among the millions of refugees are families looking for safe places that they can call home.

In the midst of these despairing moments, the United Church of Christ is able to offer hope as we stand in solidarity and mutuality with communities suffering and in need. Through Wider Church Ministries, the United Church of Christ fulfills its commitment to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by providing advocacy, sustainable development resources, long term disaster recovery support, and assistance for refugee and asylum seekers, working in collaboration with our partners locally and globally.

With your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are able to be present for the long term in disaster recovery, as we partner with churches and organizations around the world to walk with families as they rebuild their homes and lives.

Thank you for your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, as together we build a just world for all.

With Gratitude and Hope, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, AGM, Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive Global Ministries

Thank you, 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, Shampoo, Conditioner, Women's and Men's Body Wash, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Adult Toothpaste, Diapers (sizes N-2), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Diaper Cream/Desitan. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement. The St. Paul Church Nursery will be open on Communion Sundays and on Children's Worship Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

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

March/April 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.

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.

Calendar-Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Book Club
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
Tuesday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
		Devotions via Facebook Live
Wednesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
		Devotions via Facebook Live
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir/Bells Rehearsal
		Devotions via Facebook Live
Friday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	Noon	Devotions via Facebook Live 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 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
 - For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 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

**Sunday, April 16, 2023 at
10:15 a.m.**

HOLY HUMOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Knock, knock. "Who's there?"

You....."You Who?"

**Yoo-hoo! Anybody coming to
church today???**

Brought to you by the one and only.....
Youth of St. Paul Church. We will see you at 10:15 a.m.

Cottage Meetings with Pastor Becky

All are welcome to join Pastor Becky in the chapel
for a special time set aside for fellowship,
Bible readings, prayers, a time to say good-bye
and look to the future .

Monday, April 17, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 20, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 26, 10:00 am - 12 noon

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Family Fun Night with Pastor Becky

Saturday, April 15, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

