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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, Communion, 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

Palm Sunday Weekend
April 1 & 2, 2023
Rite of Confirmation on Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Katie Brautigam
Bev Plattner
Gary Wehmeyer
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Pianist (Saturday)
Pianist
Liturgist (Sunday)
Sr. Deacon
Sr. Elder

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷

No mat-ter who, — no mat-ter what — no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b 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^b 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: Look! Your ruler is coming to you!

People: Mounted on a donkey,

Leader: And on a colt, the foal of the donkey.

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven! Praise be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Laud and Honor
(Children will process with palms)

No. 265

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat E \flat $\frac{F7}{C}$ B \flat sus B \flat F Gm $\frac{Cm7}{E\flat}$ F B \flat

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat E \flat $\frac{F7}{C}$ B \flat sus B \flat F Gm $\frac{Cm7}{E\flat}$ F B \flat

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

B \flat Gm $\frac{C}{E}$ C7 F C7 F Dm Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 6 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain
 $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ F7 B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat B \flat F sus F7 B \flat

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

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

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God of grace and mercy,

People: We pray to you this day as people who joined the crowds in praise of Jesus and then later rejected him. We confess that our wills are just as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Leader: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love, God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

People: We offer to God our thanks and praise!

(Sunday) RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation Class of 2023: Josie Danielle Bornhorst,
Gavin William Dicke, Gracie Caroline Henry

INVITATION AND QUESTIONS

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION (in unison)

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Leader: Let us pray,

People: Almighty God, who in baptism received these servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (Please be seated).

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION PRAYERS

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

PRESENTATION OF STOLES AND CONFIRMATION VERSES

BY MENTORS

Student

Mentor

Josie Bornhorst

Mimi Messick

Gavin Dicke

Jeff Quellhorst

Gracie Henry

Jayden Felver

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Myra Hanenkraatt

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND GIFTS

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 21:1-17 (The Message)

When they neared Jerusalem, having arrived at Bethphage on Mount Olives, Jesus sent two disciples with these instructions: "Go over to the village across from you. You'll find a donkey tethered there, her colt with her. Untie her and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, say, 'The Master needs them!' He will send them with you."

⁴⁻⁵ This is the full story of what was sketched earlier by the prophet:

Tell Zion's daughter,

*"Look, your king's on his way,
poised and ready, mounted*

*On a donkey, on a colt,
foal of a pack animal."*

⁶⁻⁹ The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do.

They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them,

and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their

garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut

branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat.

Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out,

"Hosanna to David's son!" "Blessed is he who comes in God's name!"

"Hosanna in highest heaven!"

¹⁰ As he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. Unnerved, people were asking, "What's going on here? Who is this?"

¹¹ The parade crowd answered, "This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee."

¹²⁻¹⁴ Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text:

My house was designated a house of prayer;

You have made it a hangout for thieves.

Now there was room for the blind and crippled to get in. They came to Jesus and he healed them.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple, "Hosanna to David's Son!" they were up in arms and took him to task. "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

Jesus said, "Yes, I hear them. And haven't you read in God's Word, 'From the mouths of children and babies I'll furnish a place of praise'?"

¹⁷ Fed up, Jesus spun around and left the city for Bethany, where he spent the night.

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

(Sunday) WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action. Let us give joyfully and generously. Amen.

*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 hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the 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 treble staff, various 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 AND LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

O God of majesty, we thank you today for Jesus. He was like us in every way except sin. In him we see what you created us to be. On the cross, he offered himself for the life of the world. By his suffering and death, he leads us to the joy of new life. Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance on your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God! Jesus gathers us into his beloved community and feeds us to strengthen us for the journey ahead. Come and join in Christ's joyful banquet. Let us pray:

People: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with

us—even when we fall. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.

Leader: We remember on the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, and broke it saying, “This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

People: We celebrate that these gifts of God are given to us in love and joy!

Leader: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven: Take and eat.

Leader: The cup of blessing, the blood of Christ: Take and drink.

Leader: Let us pray,

People: Loving God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Send us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. May we live to your glory on earth and in the life to come. Amen.

*HYMN

We Are the Church

No. 550 (all verses)

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
 3 Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave - ly burn - ing,
 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,
 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
 some-times it's rid - ing, some-times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.
 there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some-times, all of it say - ing:
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

*BENEDICTION: May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with you as you leave this place in peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

The musical score is written in G minor, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way. Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in__ ev - 'ry way. Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day. Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our__ God." The chords are: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7; F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C; Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C; Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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 Cathy Nevels by the Mullins and Nevels family.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Molly Borkowski (East door), Terri Mullins (North door), and Karen Tostrick (South door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- March 26| Sunday School-13, Teachers-6; Worship Online-187, In-Person-101

Sundays in April-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Easter Sunday, April 9-Worship** will be at 7:00am and 10:15am.

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

May Book Club- We will be reading *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan. Books will soon be available to pick up from the table outside Pastor Becky's office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, May 7, following worship in the Zoom Room.

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.

Elmwood Worship Services-Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Becky with this wonderful service. Please meet her by 1:45pm at Elmwood. We will also lead worship at Elmwood at 1:30pm on Good Friday, April 7. Plan to meet at Elmwood by 1:15pm for this service.

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30am on Wednesday, April 12th. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Women's Service Group- will meet at 11:30am on April 13, 2023 at Casa Lupita for a luncheon with Pastor Becky. After the luncheon, we will return to the assembly room at St. Paul UCC and prepare the fifty school kit bags for shipping to Church World Service. While there, a video of this project will be taken to send to the Heartland Conference Make a Difference grant committee for the \$250 grant that was given to us. All are invited to join us. Please contact Joyce Gilberg at 419-629-2947 if you can attend.

Cottage Meetings- all are welcome to join for the opportunity to say good-bye to Rev. Becky Erb Strang in a small group setting. Snacks will be provided.

These will be held in the Chapel:

Monday April 17. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 19. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday April 20. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 26. 10:00-Noon

Thursday April 27. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Also Planned:

Family Fun Night. Saturday April 15. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Pastor Porch Party. Sunday May 7. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

Volunteers for 60th Northwest Ohio Association Annual Meeting- The Northwest Ohio Association Heartland Conference UCC is looking for breakfast food contributions and volunteers to assist with parking, set up, or clean up on April 29th in Wapakoneta. Please call 419-303-0325 if you would like to help.

April Monthly Mission: Temple Hills

The Hills are Alive!! Nestled in the rolling landscape of Central Ohio, Temple Hills offers a sacred space beloved by generations, a place for spiritual growth and fun. Stewarded by the churches of the Heartland Conference, Temple Hills is a place for people of all ages to be able to connect with God in nature. As our April mission project for the month, we would like you to prayerfully consider donating to "The Hills are Alive" campaign to give our current and future generations a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, The Mission Team

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.

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- Kleenex, Women’s Body Wash, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Garbage Bags, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Vaseline, Sunscreen, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, 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 April 2, 2023

Sunday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Palm Sunday Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Worship at Elmwood
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner at Casa Lupita
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir/Bells Rehearsal
Thursday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Healing Service w/ Holy Communion
Friday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	Noon	Office Closed
	1:30pm	Worship at Elmwood
	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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

