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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, 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

May 6 and 7, 2023
Fifth Weekend of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Arianne Henry
Katie Brautigam
Shelly Zeller
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

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

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Crossroad Child & Family Services

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 120. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "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." The score includes guitar chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, F. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather in the name of Jesus,

People: And encourage one another in our faith.

Leader: We acknowledge our need for community,

People: And thank God for this church family.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* No. 136
(verses 1 & 4)

136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

D Bm A7 D G $\frac{A}{G}$ G $\frac{A9}{G}$ D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{E7}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A A7

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

D Bm A7 D G $\frac{A}{G}$ G $\frac{A9}{G}$ D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G D $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Loving God, you sustained the church at Rome in their suffering through hope in the promise of your salvation. Give us this same hope and walk with us through our own challenges, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

*HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Jay Waterman, Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman (Lima Memorial), Karen Vornholt, Molly Borkowski, Terri Mullins, Bev Poppe, Julia Paul, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

Remember Karen Tostrick's family in prayer. We celebrated her life on Friday.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Standing in awe of your unfathomable grace, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: God of justification, even while we were still walking in sin, Jesus chose to die for us. We are humbled by your extravagant love and offer our unabashed gratitude and praise. God of life,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: When one in your creation suffers, all creation suffers. Help us to be caretakers and comforters of all that you have made, healing instead of harming this world. God of life,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We uplift to you all those who are persecuted for any reason by unjust governments and corrupt systems. Give them strength to endure their suffering and give us passion to hold leaders accountable for the well-being of all people. God of life,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Healing happens when we open ourselves to receive your grace. Open us. O God, and heal us in body, mind, or spirit according to your will. God of life,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift up all the saints who have gone before us, who have suffered until endurance produced hope. God of life,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Confident in the promise of resurrection, we lift all these prayers to you, Life-Giving God, in the name of Jesus 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint

us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

No. 349

Seek Ye First

349

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D ^G/_D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G ^D/_A ^G/_A ^D/_A ^{Em7}/_G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty (1948-); para. Matthew 6:33, 7:7

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SERMON

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS OFFERING INVITATION

*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 is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.' The first system includes chords G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D. The second system includes 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)

O God, you have poured out your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. In gratitude we offer these gifts that the world might be blessed through them. Accept them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (adapted from *Worship Ways: Worship Resources for The United Church of Christ*. The Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti. Copyright 2006, Local Church Ministries, Worship and Education Team)

Leader: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

People: Life that never ends!

Leader: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

People: Plenty for all, enough for today!

Leader: Come to the table of justice and joy!

People: No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!

Leader: Let praise go up to God our Life!

People: From every creature on God's good earth!

Leader: Let us pray together:

People: How right it is to praise you, Gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors—one people in many kinds—and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted us to your justice and your joy. But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other's hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of mercy, you restored us to each other and to you: mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us—pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you! And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

REMEMBERING JESUS

Leader: And now, O God, we remember Jesus. (Silence)

Leader: We remember that he forgave our sins.

People: He breathed on us the peace of God.

Leader: We remember that he called us friends.

People: He taught us to love each other as he loved us.

Leader: We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends.

People: To eat with him was to taste how good you are, O God. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.

People: May it be for all the Bread of Life!

Leader: Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

People: May it be for all the Cup of Peace!

Leader: Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

People: We pray in the name of the Risen One, who is with us now, and to the end of the age! Amen.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come. For all things are now ready.

SHARING IN THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

People: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbor, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessed Assurance

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D G/D D A/E

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E7 A D G/D D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

D G Em/G D/A A7 D Refrain

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood. This is my sto - ry,
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

G D G D/F# A/E E A A7

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D G/D D D7 Em/G D/A A7 D

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, marked with a tempo of quarter note = 95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Linda Bushman by the Allen Bushman Family.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Nancy Moots (North door), Janet Eilerman (South door), and Ann Hudson (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- April 30| Sunday School-16, Teachers-4; Worship Online-186, In-Person-112

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

Funeral Pall Missing- Dear friends, our funeral pall is missing. If you have seen it and know where it is please let Rev. Becky or the church office know. It is an important part in our Celebrations of Life.

May Book Club- All are welcome to St. Paul UCC's Zoom Room following worship on Sunday, May 7 for our monthly Book Club. We will discuss *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan. This event is offered in-person and via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85409930761?pwd=T1hIYTA2SVZoTEFhUmExeUxXRWt3QT09#success>

Meeting ID: 854 0993 0761 Passcode: 130381

Pastor Porch Party- Pastor Becky and Jim Strang invite you to the parsonage and greenspace on Sunday, May 7 from 6:00-8:00p.m. for a Pastor Porch Party. Becky and Jim will provide the main dish and paper products. We invite attendees to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30am on Wednesday, May 10. All are welcome to come for a

time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Women's Service Group- will meet on May 11, 2023 at noon for a luncheon and a planning meeting for 2023-2024 at Phyllis Fledderjohann's house.

Last day of Sunday School- will be Sunday, May 14th at 9am.

Mother's Day & Seniors/Teachers/Youth Leaders Recognitions- We hope you can attend the 10:15am worship service on May 14th to help celebrate our Mothers, and to honor the Seniors' accomplishments, as well as thanking our teachers and youth leaders. Seniors-please RSVP to the church office if you are able to attend.

Rev. Becky Erb Strang's Last Day- Please join us on May 21st at the 10:15am worship service to show our gratitude and support for everything Becky has done for our church and congregation over the past 13 years. Retirement Celebration will follow worship.

Rev. Dan Busch Preaching- All are welcome on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th at 10:15am worship to hear Rev. Dan Busch's message.

Art Camp Festival 2023- will be Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm. Mark your calendars! Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

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.

May Monthly Mission: Crossroad Child & Family Services

Many children - either because of who they are or what has happened to them - have emotional and behavioral difficulties. Crossroad is where they get help, healing, and hope.

Children who come to Crossroad learn to value themselves and others. Values provide the solid ground the children need as they learn, change, and become “valuable” adults.

Thank you for your generous donations to Crossroad Child & Family Services.

-The Mission Team

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: 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.

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.

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.

May/June 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.

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

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 May 7, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship w/ Holy Communion In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Book Club
	6:00pm-8:00pm	Pastor Porch Party
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Church Council Dinner
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	Noon	Women's Service Group
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 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



BELLS ACROSS AMERICA **FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS**



Ring in Tribute to Firefighters & Their Families in Your Community

May 6–7, 2023

This spring, please join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for **Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters** as we gather to honor our fallen firefighters and show support to their families. We invite fire agencies and departments, carillonners, faith communities, and other neighborhood organizations to participate in this annual tribute. You too can show your support locally by ringing out in honor of firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice. Find out more ways you can get involved in the **2023 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend** or watch the services live at: weekend.firehero.org.

Register Your Organization!



BellsAcrossAmerica.com ★ #bellsforfirefighters2023 ★ #firehero2023

JOIN
OUR
CELEBRATION



2023 SENIORS

YOUTH &

YOUTH
LEADERS

Recognition

05

May

14

2023

**ST. PAUL CHURCH
WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM**

We can't wait to
celebrate your
accomplishments
together!





190th BIRTHDAY Celebration!

Art Camp Festival

St. Paul Community Playground
ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEW BREMEN

Thursday, June 8th
5:00pm. - 8:00pm.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs
provided by the NB/NK Rotary Club

Bouncy House • Petting Zoo • Mini Golf
K-9 Officer • & More!

FREE EVENT!