

# Congratulations Class of 2023 Seniors!



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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

May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Senior Recognition  
Recognition of Teachers/Youth Leaders

Worship Leaders

Ministers  
Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer  
Cheyenne Olt  
Theresa Frilling  
June Oaks

The Congregation  
Senior Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Accompanist  
Liturgist  
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
High School Senior Recognition  
Teacher/Youth Leader Recognition

\*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

The musical score for the song "No Matter" is presented in four staves. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120 (♩=120). The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. 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 chords are: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, F. The score includes a repeat sign for the final line with the instruction "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us into his presence.

**People: Even in our weakness—especially in our weakness—**

**God is with us.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit prays on our behalf,

**People: Day in and day out.**

Leader: We celebrate that nothing—absolutely nothing—can separate us from God's love.

**People: Let us worship God with joy!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*All Creatures of our God and King*

No. 23

(verses 1, 3, 5)



## 23 All Creatures of Our God and King

D Bm Em7 Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D Bm Em7

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2 O rush-ing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -  
 3 O flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 All you who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your  
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum - ble -

Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D E A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D Bm7  $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en  
 long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn in praise re -  
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and  
 part, sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row  
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dmaj7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G6  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em7  $\frac{D}{F\#}$

beam, and sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O  
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O  
 bright, pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O  
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O  
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

G6 A7 Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D6 E A Bm7  $\frac{F\#\#}{C\#}$  D Em  $\frac{A}{C\#}$   $\frac{B7}{D\#}$  Em  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em7}{G}$  A A7 D

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

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

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: God of resurrection,

**People: You have redeemed us through the gift of your son, yet we often act as though we do not know what that means. We fail to see where we need to change and where we need to work to bring positive change to the world. We remain fixated on ourselves rather than living in love and service for others. Forgive us our sins of thought, word, and action or lack of action, that we might better do your will. Amen.**

Leader: Christ is risen, indeed, and proclaims to you and all of creation the entire forgiveness of sin. Receive this gift of forgiveness with joy.

**People: Hallelujah!**

## \*HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a common time signature 'C' above it. The second staff has 'Am7' and 'D7' above it. The third staff has 'C', 'D', 'G', 'D', and 'Em' above it. The fourth staff has no specific markings above it. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht' on the first staff; 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht' on the second staff; 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -' on the third staff; and 'lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht' on the fourth staff.

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Youth leaders, teachers, and high school seniors

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, Bev Poppe, Julia Paul (St. Rita's), Ann Hudson (OSU/Dodd Hall), Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

## 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: We risk little and suffer even less to serve you, Lord Jesus, compared with what your first followers endured. Remind us of their sacrifice, dedication, and determination that the Gospel would be spread, and make us grateful that we are beneficiaries of their witness. God of life,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: The spirits obey you and all powers submit to you, O God. Teach us to use our gifts for good and not for dishonest gain. Lead us to focus on our efforts on behalf of those in need instead of exploiting others for our own benefit. May honesty, integrity, and love prevail over greed and manipulation. God of life,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this day when we celebrate our earthly mothers and all those who show a mother's love and care, remind us of those who have lost or have never known their mothers, those who are in conflict or estranged from them, and those who would desire children, but struggle to, or cannot have them. Make us all family to one another, looking not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. God of life,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your resurrection gives hope to all who despair of ever feeling whole again. Strengthen all who are in recovery, rehabilitation, or chronic treatment, and show them what hope looks like in the face of Jesus. Pour the abundance of your healing and hope upon all who are sick, all who are recuperating, all who are grieving loss. God of life,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Sometimes we feel unworthy to stand in the company of such great sufferers for the faith. Remind us that they, like us, were imperfect, yet empowered by your Spirit. Gladden our hearts with the power we have through you. God of life,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gather these and all prayers of this community together into your loving arms, through the mercy of 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:18-39 (NRSV)

*<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

*<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

*<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was*



*raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

*Seek Ye First*

No. 349

# Seek Ye First

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D/A G/A 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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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 musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system also has a treble and bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G. The lyrics are: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.".

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th  
L.M.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Holy and life-filled God, accept these gift of our time, our talents and our treasure for the building up of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Remind us that we are beloved by you. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

No. 393

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

393

F C C7 F F7 B $\flat$  F C

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear;  
 4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

C7 F C  $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{B\flat}{F}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{B\flat}{D}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

the fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
 and oft-en for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
 and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

WORDS: John Fawcett (1740-1817), alt.  
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli (1773-1836); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DENNIS  
 S.M.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

*Pass the Love*

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.

Chords: 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 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 Angela Bushman by Dennis Bushman and family.

**Circle of Friends Cards** for you to sign are for Jerry Newman (North door), Dee Schroer (South door), and a sympathy card for Rev. John Tostrick (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

**Participants-** May 6| In-person-26; May 7| Sunday School Youth-16, Teachers-5; Worship Online-240, In-Person-63

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

**September Book Club-** We will be reading *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are available to pick up from the table outside Pastor Becky's office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, September 24 following worship in the Zoom Room.

**Rev. Becky Erb Strang's Last Day-** Please join us on May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am worship to hear Rev. Dan Busch's message.

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

**2023 Altar Flower Chart** has open dates: July 2 and July 30. 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- Body Wash (Men’s, Women’s, and Kid’s), Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant (Men’s and Women’s), Razors, Shaving Cream, Softener Sheets, Bandages, Cotton Balls. 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](mailto: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 14, 2023**

Sunday	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School (Last Day) Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

### **E-Giving @ St. Paul**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://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



# 190<sup>th</sup> 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!**