St. Paul United Church of Christ

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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

June 25, 2023 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

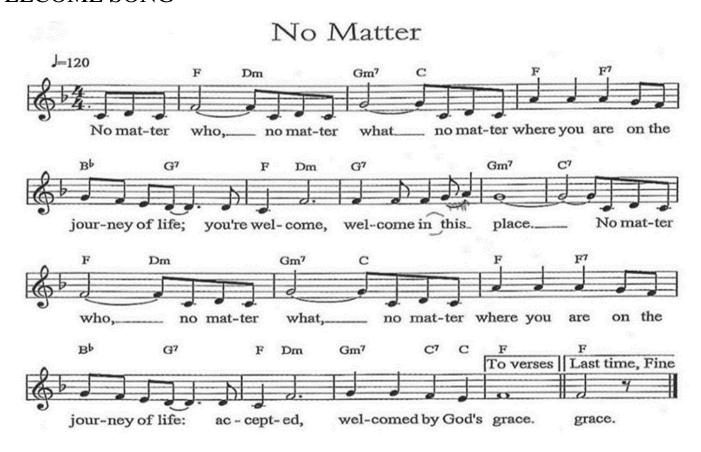
Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Connie Friemering
June Oaks

The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG



*CALL TO WORSHIP

<u>Leader</u>: Beloved, do not be afraid:

People: God hears our cries when we are lost.

<u>Leader</u>: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, do not be afraid:

People: God does not leave us abandoned.

<u>Leader</u>: Children of God, do not be afraid: <u>People</u>: God is with us, now and always.

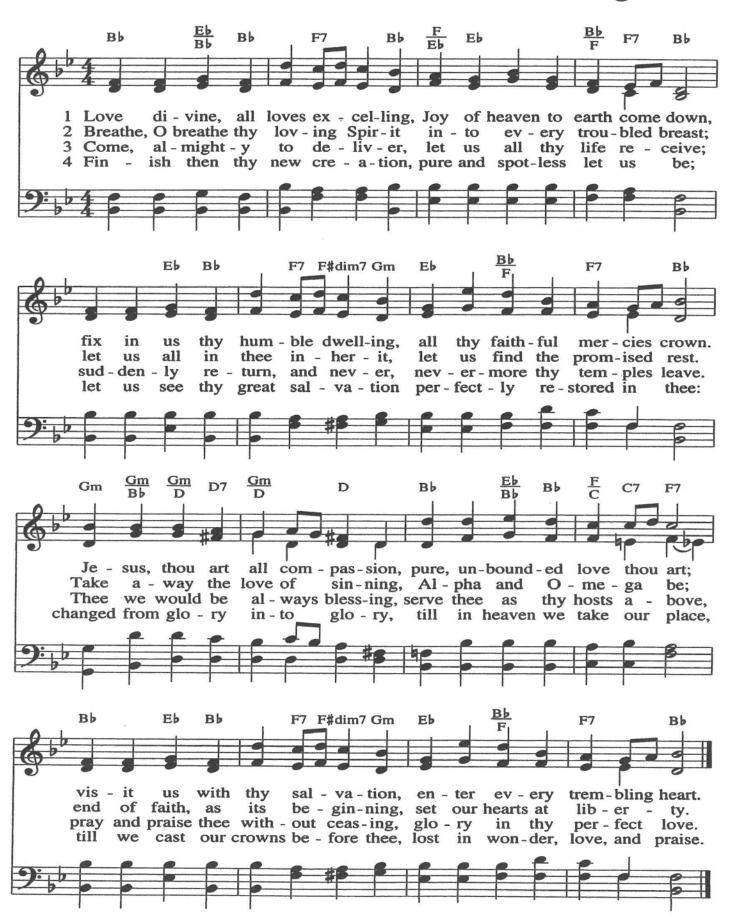
People: Now and Always, we worship our always-with-us-God.

*HYMN

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

No. 358

358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



*CALL TO CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: We have died to sin; yet we continue to live in it. The good news of God is God's grace abounds so we might move past our sins.

Trusting that promise, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

*CONFESSION OF SINS

<u>Leader</u>: Gracious God, we try to follow your word:

<u>People</u>: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests.

<u>Leader</u>: But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us.

<u>People</u>: We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference.

<u>Leader</u>: In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so we may follow you once more.

People: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

<u>Leader</u>: We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:

People: he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Leader: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin.

People: Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

We are continuing to pray for Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

<u>Leader</u>: God of summer, this world is yours and we live according to your abundance. Wherever we wander during these days – road trips to fairs and festivals, family camping trips, visiting friends and relatives – watch over our travels. May we reach our destinations safely and make our journeys with wonder at the blessings bestowed upon us by your amazing grace.

<u>People</u>: As we kneel in the dirt of our gardens, pulling the unwanted weeds, pruning the untamed overgrowth, may our harvest be plentiful and the smell of soil, air, and sun spark joy.

<u>Leader</u>: You give us enough to share, Holy God. Remind us of those who don't have enough and our ability to make a difference in their lives.

The heat and humidity can be oppressive, God. Perfect weather for those with access to a swimming pool.

<u>People</u>: We pray for those without access or excess. We pray for people without cool places of respite and refuge. We pray for those whose lives are threatened by the heat.

<u>Leader</u>: We pray for the poor and impoverished of our country, as well as around the world. May we find ways to shelter and nurture all your children.

<u>People</u>: Holy God, hear our thanks and praise for the blessings of this summer. Hear, also, our prayers for those who are struggling.

Leader: Especially, we pray for:

- The people of warring countries
- Those who groan with grief
- Those who are isolated and alone
- Those who are sick and their caregivers
- Those who are overwhelmed and exhausted
- Those who for whatever reason cannot enjoy the blessings of summer in your mercy.

<u>People</u>: Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people, the Body of Christ, as we 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 21:8-21

(OT) pg.17

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent

her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11 (NT) pg.156

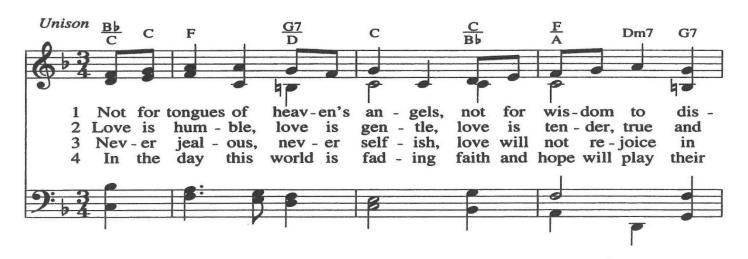
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

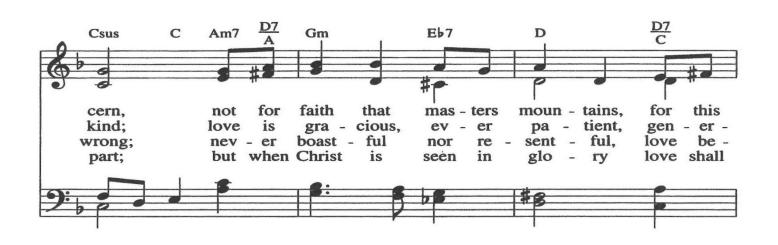
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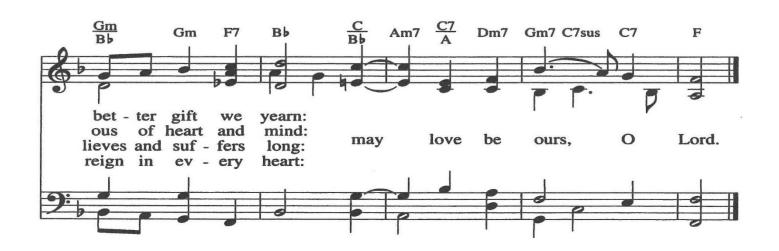
Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

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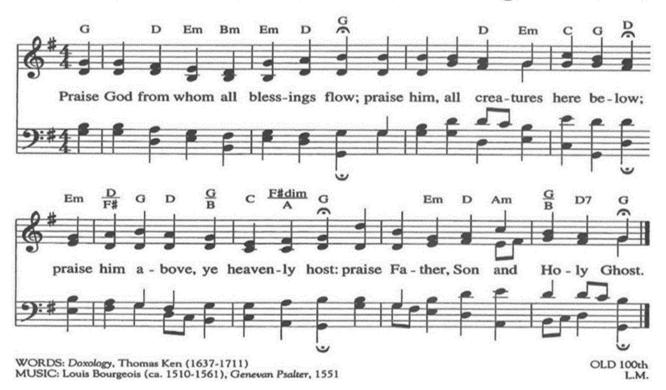
Rev. Ken Locke

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



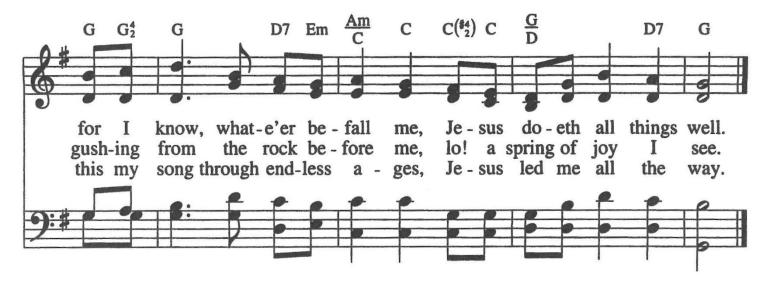
*HYMN OF SENDING

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

No. 505

505 All the Way My Savior Leads Me





*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Pass the Love

Pass the Love



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

<u>Leader</u>: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Bart Maurer (North door), Lowell Quellhorst (South door), and Dee Stienecker (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- June 18 | Worship Online-76, In-Person-71 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

E-votional- Did you get our e-votional this past Wednesday? Please check your spam folder and click "allow sender". To get the full effect, click "download pictures". If you would like to be added to the list, please email us with your name.

Deadline Extended for Pictorial Directory- July photo appointments are now being scheduled. Please complete the Pictorial Directory Information form online (stpaulnb.org) or pick up a form today from the bulletin tables in the sanctuary. Return to the church office or email to klt@nktelco.net as soon as possible. We will call you to set up a photo appointment.

Miniature Golf- All are welcome to join us for a morning of miniature golf at the K.C. Geiger Park on June 28th from 10:30-11:30am. Cost: \$1/child and \$2/adult. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy at the park afterwards!

Men's Club (and spouses)- Will be meeting Saturday, July 1st at 7:30am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. Afterwards we will carpool to 3 Sisters Retreat. You are welcome to join for a relaxing morning and fellowship!

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 the pastor's office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, September 24 following worship in the Zoom Room.

June Monthly Mission: Community Backpack+ Program

The Community Backpack+ Program has been designated a Community Project Fund of the New Bremen Foundation. Through the program, they were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to 27 students in 2022. They also donated \$1500 to the NB Schools to help pay unpaid school fees. Two-hundred dollars each were donated to NB, Minster, and New Knoxville schools for their "No Shame Lunch Funds", a guaranteeing that no student goes without a full lunch.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Community Backpack+ Program. -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.

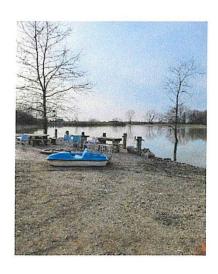
Blessing Pantry-is open during these hours - Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. All Donations Welcome—Blessing Pantry Needs-Conditioner, Deodorant (Women), Baby Lotion, Cotton Balls, Sunscreen, Laundry Soap, Body Wash (Women and Men), Shampoo, Razors, Q-Tips, Detergent, Softener Sheets, Bandages, Baby Shampoo, Diaper Cream/Desitan. Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Bulletin & Sermon Availability-weekly bulletins and sermons are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow BULLETINS or SERMON box in the upper right hand corner.

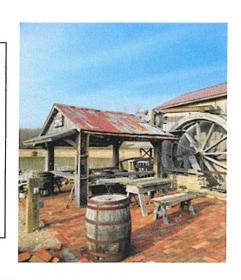
July/August Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery will be open on Communion Sunday (First Sunday of each month). 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 <u>jrpaul@nktelco.net</u> or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.



MEN'S CLUB (and spouses) Saturday July 1, 2023



Breakfast at Speedway Lanes @ 7:30 AM After Breakfast we will carpool to the:

"3 SISTERS RETEAT"

16416 Boundary Rd, Wapakoneta Ohio

Enjoy a relaxing morning sipping fresh-brewed coffee on the water's edge.

Church Directory Update



We need your new pictures and updated information for the 2023 St. Paul Church Directory

June picture taking dates have been filled. Please complete the Directory Information form as soon as possible. We will call you to set up a photo appointment.

Calendar-Week of June 25, 2023

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Sunday	10:15am	Worship
•		In Person & via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Scheduled Directory Photos
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	10:30am-11:30am	Miniature Golf-K.C. Geiger Park
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	7:30am	Men's Club- Speedway Lanes/
•		Sisters Retreat
	5:00pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion

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.*



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF

MINIATURE GOLF @ K.C. GEIGER PARK

Wednesday, June 28th 10:30 am - 11:30 am \$1 for Child, \$2 for Adults
Bring a lunch to enjoy at the park afterwards!

"MY DOCTOR TOLD ME TO TAKE MY IRON EVERYDAY AND TO LIVE ON GREENS!"

"THE ONLY IRON DAD KNOWS HOW TO USE!"

