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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

July 1 and 2, 2023
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Bev Plattner
Mia Schmitmeyer
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

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

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*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^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: Sing, sing of God's unchangeable love!

People: **We will rejoice as we walk in the light of our God.**

Leader: Tell everyone around you of God's faithfulness.

People: **We will share the stories of the One who experienced our life in all its fullness.**

Leader: Shout out loud of God's presence with us, on this day and in all the days to come.

People: **Justice and goodness are God's gifts to us; truth and love walk by our side. Together, we worship our constantly faithful God.**

***HYMN**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

No. 728

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 728

Trumpets
before each stanza

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry
 past, in this free land by you our lot is
 lence, be your strong arm our ev - er sure de -
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing

band of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the
 cast; be now our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and
 fence; your true re - li - gion in our hearts in -
 day; fill all our lives with heaven-born love and

skies, our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 stay, your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 cease, your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 grace, and songs of praise we'll lift be - fore your face!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Growing towards righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, truthfully naming where we still serve sin and death rather than goodness and life.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, by providing for our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed and loved all of us for who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.

People: We confess that we do not deserve these gifts. We squander them. We continue trusting ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you are eagerly, passionately and generously embracing us.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry. Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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." The score includes various chord symbols above the vocal line, such as 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, Fm7/Ab, Eb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb.

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

GREATOREX
Irregular

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14 (OT) pg. 17

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt

offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

(NT) pg. 156

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Church of Christ, we practice an Open Table. You need not be a church member to commune; you need only a sincere desire to draw near to Christ and seek peace with your neighbor. Saturday and Sunday communion elements will be offered by coming forward or are available on the bulletin/offering table.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: May the God of constant love be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Come to the One who welcomes each and every one of us to this Table of grace.

People: **We bring our broken hearts so they might be made whole.**

Leader: Join hands with your sisters and brothers and sing to the One who fills us with hope.

People: **Together we will praise God, who has made us one.**

Leader: When chaos slammed the door on you, God of faithfulness, you whistled up creation and she tagged along at your side as your hospitality flowed forth:

People: **springs to refresh our wearied feet, sweet corn to fill our hunger, beds of pine needles on which to rest.**

Leader: We were formed by you so we might belong to you,

People: **but we let ourselves be held captive by lust, greed, and fear.**

Leader: Prophets came, seeking to call us back to you, fulfilling your words of welcome,

People: **yet we continued to obey our passions.**

Leader: Jesus came, offering us cups of living water, words of hope and grace, wrapping us in arms of joy.

Leader: With those who seek your peace, with those who work for your justice, we burst forth in praise:

People: **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of radical hope. All creation welcomes your words. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who walks in your light. Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Compassionate God, you are the Voice behind the Word who comes in Jesus Christ. When sin would hand us a pay envelope stuffed with evil's crumpled bills,

People: **Jesus fills our pockets with your gifts so we may be a blessing to others.**

Leader: When temptation and worry become our jailers on death row,

People: **Jesus comes, with your pardon in his hands, setting us free so we may walk in the new light of your hope.**

Leader: We remember Jesus' love and grace offered to all, we hear his welcome extended to each of us, as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People: **Christ died, welcoming our death as his own; Christ was raised by the gift of God's hope; Christ will come to fulfill God's words.**

Leader: Your compassionate welcome is extended to anyone, any time, any place as your Spirit is poured out on the gifts of the Table of life and on your people gathered for the feast. Your life, which is broken in love, becomes the wholeness which strengthens us,

People: **to feed those for whom hunger is a constant companion, not a skipped meal.**

Leader: Your grace, which is poured into us,

People: **becomes the hospitality by which we welcome itinerant immigrants into our communities and hearts; we open our arms to every child held captive by poverty.**

Leader: Then, when your glory becomes our home, and we are gathered around your table -

People: **con artists and poverty's prophets, the most vulnerable and the power brokers -**

Leader: we will join in singing your praises through all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Leader: Holy God, we bless you for the generous gift of this table and all it means to us: spiritual vigor, eternal community of love, unending concern for those whose lives are not so blessed. Today, especially, we pray for Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, and Karen Vornholt. Today, especially, we lift up those in our fellowship with the prayers of our lips and the thunder our silent petitions: Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer. Holy God, help us listen for your words to us as eagerly as we share our words for you. Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.

Leader: Generous God, we end this time of spiritual feasting by asking you to bless the elements we have received that we may generously live the life Jesus taught us to live when he taught us to pray, saying **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.**

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*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 treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;". The second system is for the second line: "praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Above the treble staff, various chords are indicated: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, 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**

Leader: God does not bless us so that we can hoard those blessings for ourselves. God blesses us so that we can use them to welcome those who are looking for a community, to feed those who hunger for friendship, to serve those whom the world has cast aside.

People: Here are our gifts, Holy God. We pray you will use them as well as us in the work of your kingdom. Amen.

***HYMN OF SENDING**

Lift Every Voice & Sing

No. 729

729 Lift Every Voice and Sing

D G B7 F# Em G/D D#dim7 Em

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Em Am B7 C Am C G/D C#dim7 D

ring with the har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

D G B7 F# E G#dim7 Am B7 C

let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast, by thy might, led us in - to the light,

C#dim7 G/D D#dim7 Em D7 G

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

N.C.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee,

N.C.

G G#dim7

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

D7

D

G

B7
F#

E

G#dim7

Am

B7

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

C

C#dim7

G
D

D#dim7 Em

D7

G

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 last, where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

The musical score for "Pass the Love" is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way." The second staff continues the lyrics: "Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in— ev - 'ry way." The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning and lyrics: "Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day." The fourth staff concludes with lyrics: "Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our— God." Chords are indicated above the notes: 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 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 Loved Ones by Carol Wilson and family.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Tom Topp (North door), Terri Mullins (South door), and Robert Paul (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- June 25 | Worship Online-82, In-Person-58

Online number comes from the “1 minute views” through Facebook’s insights.

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.

Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, July 6th. Thank you!

Elmwood Worship-Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Locke with this wonderful service. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

Widow and Widower’s Luncheon-The next Widow & Widower's Luncheon will be Wednesday, July 12, 11:30am – 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Kick-Off Sunday- Please join us on September 10th as we “kick-off” the start of our youth programs and Sunday School. We will also be celebrating our 190th Anniversary on this day! There will be more details to come.

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.

July Monthly Mission: Washington UCC Back to School Ministry

This year we are continuing to help the disadvantaged children served by Washington UCC by supporting their *Back to School* ministry program. With the funds, they are able to send many of their low-income children back to school, each in a uniform, if required, or new school clothes, underwear and socks, along with a backpack of school supplies and a personal hygiene kit. Our donations last year helped them to provide school uniforms for nearly 25 students in the Camp Washington community.

On average it is estimated that each student's average annual needs are \$75.00 per student. So, throughout the month we will be collecting donations to provide uniforms and hygiene kits to the children at Camp Washington. Gifts at any level are welcomed, and will make a great impact on the children in these communities. Thank you, 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-Deodorant (Women and Men), Laundry Soap, Body Wash (Women and Men), Shampoo, Razors, Detergent, Kleenex, Dish Soap, Toothpaste (Adult and Kid), Shaving Cream, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Baby Wipes. 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 jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Church Directory Update



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

Photo appointments still being scheduled. Don't wish to have a picture in the directory? We still need your updated information. Please complete the Directory Information form as soon as possible (stpaulnb.org).

Calendar-Week of July 2, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship w/ Holy Communion In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	Office Closed	Happy 4 th of July!
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

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.

