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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

July 9, 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Staci Jones
June Oaks

The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

190TH ANNIVERSARY-DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the monthly printing of the “Beacon” began in 1947, and during the same period, a Memorial Organ Fund was also established? And now you know!

*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: Jesus says: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” We have come together in the name of Jesus the Christ

People: to worship the God who loves us and sing with the Spirit who fills us.

Leader: It is good that we are here.

People: It is good that we are here by Christ’s invitation, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 68

68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

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

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

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

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Faithful One, despite our best efforts,

People: we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.

Leader: Even when our intentions are good,

People: our actions cause harm.

Leader: Even when we want to follow you more closely,

People: we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.

Leader: Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ: confession is good for the soul because it makes us aware of not just our own faults but of how much God chooses to forgive. Though our sins are vast, God's forgiveness is vaster still. 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 chords 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/Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb.

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

GREATOREX
Irregular

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Almighty God, who taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere, hear us as we pray for others in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: **Inspire the whole church with your power, unity and peace, Grant that all who trust you may obey your word, and live together in love. Lead all nations in the way of justice and goodwill.**

Leader: Direct those who govern, that they may rule fairly, maintain order, uphold those in need, and defend the oppressed;

People: **that this world may claim your rule and know true peace.**

Leader: Awaken all people to the danger we have inflicted upon the earth.

People: **Implant in each a reverence for all you have made that we may preserve the delicate balance of creation for coming generations.**

Leader: Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel through Word and Sacrament, through deeds of mercy, through teaching, through gifts of music and the arts,

People: that by their teaching and example they may reveal your love for all people.

Leader: Comfort and relieve, O Lord,
All who are in trouble,
All who sorrow,
All who struggle with the burdens of poverty,
All who are plagued with sickness,
All who are stunned by grief,

Especially those known to us, whom we lift before you with our tongues and the silence of our hearts: 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.

Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

People: Bring to our remembrance all those who, having served you on earth, now sing your praises eternally. May their endurance give us courage and their faithfulness give us hope;

Leader: through Jesus Christ, who taught us to live lives of endurance, courage, faithfulness, and hope 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 24 (Selected Verses) (OT) pg.19

Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. ²Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of

the Canaanites, ⁴but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.’

⁹So the servant swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to the city of Nahor. ¹¹He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹²And he said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. ¹³I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴Let the girl to whom I shall say, “Please offer your jar that I may drink”, and who shall say, “Drink, and I will water your camels”—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac.’

¹⁵Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Abraham’s brother, coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. ¹⁷Then the servant ran to meet her and said, ‘Please let me sip a little water from your jar.’ ¹⁸‘Drink, my lord,’ she said, and quickly lowered her jar and gave him a drink. ¹⁹When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, ‘I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.’ ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

²⁶The man bowed his head and worshipped the Lord ²⁷and said, ‘Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness towards my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the way to the house of my master’s kin.’

²⁸Then the girl ran and told her mother’s household about these things. ²⁹Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the spring.

³³Then food was set before him to eat; but he said, ‘I will not eat until I have told my errand.’ Laban said, ‘Speak on.’

³⁴So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant.

³⁵The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, “You shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.”

⁴²‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!

⁴⁵ ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me.

⁵⁰ Then Laban answered, ‘The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. ⁵¹Look, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.’

⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.

⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 7:15-25

(NT) pg.157

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my

inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:28-30

(NT) pg.12

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly (Please Remain Seated)

No. 348

Softly and Tenderly

G. $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G C $\frac{C}{G}$ G

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

$\frac{A7}{E}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G C $\frac{C}{G}$ G

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 N.C. D7 G D G

watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home,

$\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ E7 A7 D $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

C $\frac{C}{G}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav-en-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.

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in both systems.

Chord Symbols:
 System 1: N.C., A, D, A, D, A, E/B, B7, E
 System 2: A, E/G#, D/F#, A/E, Bm/D, D#m7(b5), E, A/C#, D, A/C#, Esus, E7, A

Lyrics:
 1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise
 forth the glo - ry, of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)
 MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)
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FESTAL SONG
 S.M.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in— ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our— God.

*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 Ron Hittepole and Andrea Hittepole by Marlene Hittepole.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Peg Henschen (North door), Greg Maurer (South door), and Rev. Larry May (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- July 1 In-Person-26; July 2 Worship Online-84, In-Person-59 Online number comes from the “1 minute views” through Facebook’s insights.</p>
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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 Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the August mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by July 17th. 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.

Church Council Meeting- is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 7pm in the assembly room.

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.

Worship Team Meeting- The worship team will meet on Sunday, July 16 following worship around 11:15am in the assembly room.

Search Committee Meeting- is scheduled for Monday, July 17 at 6pm in the zoom room.

Celebration of Life- Walter Knorr's Celebration of Life service will be at Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home on July 24 at 4pm. Following the service, there will be a repast at St. Paul's in the assembly room.

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, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Toothpaste (Adult and Kid), Shaving Cream, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Safety Q-Tips, Diaper Cream/Desitan, Baby Wipes, Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 4, 5, 6).** 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 along the top of the website.

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.

Calendar-Week of July 9, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	2:00pm 5:30pm-7:30pm 7:00pm	Worship at Elmwood Blessing Pantry Open Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm 6:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open Blessing Pantry Meeting
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))**

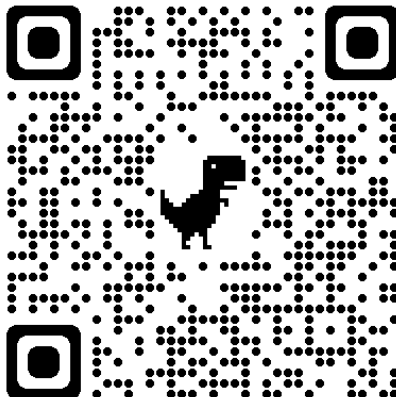
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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.



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).