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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 16, 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Deb Kramer
June Oaks

The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

♩=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: Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways:

People: O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;

Leader: we lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore, and follow you.

People: With our eyes on God's lamp, let us adoringly worship our God.

*HYMN

Thy Word

No. 664

Thy Word

Refrain (Unison)

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a

light un - to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-
 2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side me. And noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and

WORDS: Amy Grant (1960-); para. Psalm 119:105

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith (1957-)

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B \flat C D Csus C C7 *to Refrain*
 Please be near me to the end.
 I will love you to the end.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As much as we try not to stray: we do.

People: As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.

People: As we continue our journey, let us seek God's forgiveness for those times we left the holy path.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: O God, we are quick to say,

People: "We didn't know."

"We didn't mean to."

"We didn't expect that to happen."

Leader: But we have not tended the soil of our lives.

People: We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Leader: Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil.

People: Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live lives of meaning and power. 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 bass 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." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated: Eb, Bb7sus F, Bb7 F, 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, Eb.

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

GREATOREX
Irregular

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: for our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For our community, our country, and our world;

People: for all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: for all who proclaim the gospel, and for all seek the truth.

Leader: For the United Church of Christ and our denominational leaders,

for our Council and those in our congregation who volunteer their time and energy to teach, lead, engage, mix, and pray without ceasing.

For our own needs, and for others for whom you have called us to pray:

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.

Leader: Hear us, Lord

People: for your mercy is great.

Leader: Speak to us, Lord,

People: Your servants are listening.

Leader: We exalt you, O God our king;

People: and praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: In Christ you have called us to eternal glory;

People: to you be praise for ever and ever.

Leader: Let us praise God using the words our Lord Jesus taught us, 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 25:19-34

(OT) pg.21

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named

Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” ³²Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

(NT) pg.157

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 480

Open My Eyes, That I May See 480

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7/C Db Eb7 Db/Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

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 musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system contains the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the vocal lines, various chords are indicated, such as 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, and G.

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

OLD 100th
L.M.

*HYMN OF SENDING *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 23
(vv. 1, 4, 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!

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in F major, 4/4 time, tempo J=95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and chords. The lyrics are: "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 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 Duane and Doug Hartwig by Alice Hartwig.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Don & Sue Kettler (North door), Betty Hansbrough (South door), and Dan Chamberlin (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- July 9 | Worship Online-82, In-Person-64

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 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!

Worship Team Meeting- The worship team will meet today, following worship, in the assembly room.

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

Celebration of Life- Walter Kanorr’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, as well as gathering for our 190th Anniversary!

190th Anniversary- We will be celebrating St. Paul's 190th Anniversary on September 10th! Following worship service, there will be a congregation picture taken and then a church celebration. Sandwiches and water/coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish- a sign-up sheet will be out later in August. Crafts will be available for kids! If you have something you would like to share/contribute to our Church History table for viewing, please bring it on that Sunday, September 10th to the assembly room. We hope to see you there as we rejoice in this exciting time!

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 16, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Worship Team Meeting
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
	6:00pm	Search Committee Meeting
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

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))**

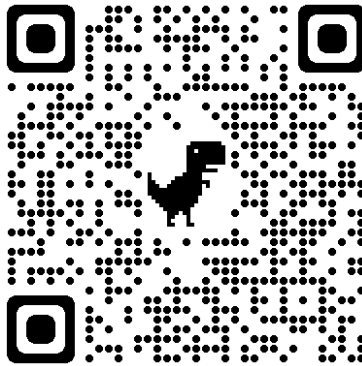
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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).