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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 23, 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
Josie Bornhorst
June Oaks

The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=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: We come. We wait.

People: We wait with hope and longing.

Leader: We suffer. We pray.

People: We rejoice with singing.

Leader: We know we are children of God.

People: We are waiting for Christ to set all things right.

***HYMN**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

No. 319

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Unison

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A D E/D

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D C#m F#m

world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,
 en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness,
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry,

G Esus E G Esus E

shine on me, shine on me, shine on me,
 shine on me, shine on me, shine on me,
 shine on me, shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ Bm G Esus E

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ E7 A $\frac{D}{A}$

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1, 2 $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ Final ending $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A $\frac{D}{A}$ A

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: There is goodness within us as high as the summer corn.

People: There is also sin within us choking us like weeds.

Leader: Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not held back by evil.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best.

People: There is much we would hide from you—

the ways we harm your creation,

the ways we mistreat others,

the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.

Leader: Even as you know us, forgive us.

People: Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life. 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

insert

F B♭ F C7 F C7 F

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son and the Ho - ly Ghost. As it

5 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. As it

9 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men.

13 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F B♭

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

20 F

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The needs of the world are too many and large for us. But not for God.

Let us pray.

For our nation.

People: Author of the universe, the sign of the Cross is prominent throughout our land. Grant that the hour may come when the Man of the Cross will be welcomed into every heart, and into every street, office, school, court, and legislature. May the love of Christ flourish and his values transform our land.

Leader: For the homeless.

People: God of the "Son of Man who had nowhere to lay his head," please be with all who have no pillow but a rock and no shelter but a cardboard box. Bless the efforts of those agencies trying to help them.

Please make us more determined to make our society and world places where everyone who wants shelter can obtain it.

Leader: For previous communities.

People: **We pray, Holy Friend, that you will help our nation to deal wisely, justly, and compassionately with the people who were here before us. Remind us that we are neither the first people to live here nor the first people to worship here. Make us determined to correct egregious wrongs of which we may be only dimly aware.**

Leader: For those who suffer.

People: **Immortal Love, rest your suffering children on pillows of Divine compassion, and with fingers of supreme tenderness dislodge the seeds of disease. In daylight hours encircle them with human kindness, and in the long night hours surround them with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Especially we 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.

Leader: For our own witness.

God of both our neighbors and our enemies, assist us to be a help, not a hindrance, to them. May our quiet faith steady the wavering, our sturdy hope encourage the faint-hearted, and our sincere compassion soften those who appear heartless. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who taught us when we pray to say **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 28:10-19a (OT) pg. 25

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And

the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

(NT) pg. 158

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

NATURE & FOUNDATION

544 The Church's One Foundation

D G/D D D/A A/G D/F# G6 D/A A7 D

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

A7/E D/F# F#+ F#7 Gdim7 G F#m/A G/B A/C# D E7/B A

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

A D A7/E D/F# G D/F# Bm Bm/F# F# E Bm/D B/D# Em

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

A/C# D G/D D Gmaj9 Em/G G Em7 Asus A7 D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No.34

(Tune is the same but words have changed)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known.

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The asterisk indicates a specific emphasis on the word "Him".

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, your steadfast love is but one of the many gifts you pour into us. Our offerings are but a part of the ways in which we can serve you and your people. Bless them, and bless us, to ministries of healing and hope. Amen.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

603 In Christ There Is No East or West

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

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;

D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 A7 Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

ST. PETER
C.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 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 honor of their 42nd anniversary (7/18) by Don and Deb Klein. After Sunday's worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will now be kept in the church office after Sunday.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Nancy Moots (North door), Gina Kuenning (South door), and Dee Schroer (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- July 16 Worship Online-66, In-Person-63 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.

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.

Churches of Ohio Feature- Please check out the Churches of Ohio Facebook page as St. Paul will be a featured church in two weeks! It is a very interesting page as it has beautiful photos and stories about each church. We are excited St. Paul is included.

World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

They would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting an exchange student. To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can visit https://world-heritage.org/meet_our_students/ to view their profiles, read some of their captivating letters, and, if interested, start a host family application.

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 23, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	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
	6:00pm-8:30pm	Scheduled Directory Photos
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))**

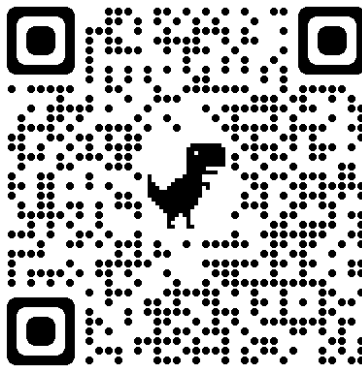
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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).