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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 30, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Flutist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
Lynda Ranly
Julia Mullins
June Oaks

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: We gather to give thanks to our God and honor God's great goodness.

People: We respond with heartfelt thanks to the faithfulness of our Glorious God.

Leader: We gather to celebrate and rejoice by singing praises to God's Holy Name.

People: We respond through glad songs and our prayers for the generosity of our God.

Leader: We gather to worship and revere the Lord our God, whose wondrous deeds are beyond description and whose faithfulness is beyond our understanding.

People: We respond with reverent worship and songs of gratitude, praising God's gracious promises, God's trustworthiness, and God's fidelity towards God's people. Together, we worship God.

*HYMN

O Worship the King

No. 2

O Worship the King

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G G/B D G G/B C/E D7/F# G D G G/B D

1 O wor-ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

G C/E G/B G/D D7 G D A7/D D7 G/D

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

D G/D D7 G G/B D G C/E G/B G/D D7 G

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant (1779-1838); para. Psalm 104
MUSIC: Attr. Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806); William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815

LYONS
10.10.11.11.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We love God, and yet . . .

We are Christ's disciples, and yet . . .

We are guided by the Spirit, and yet . . .

there are many ways we do not live this reality.

People: Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us in our time of confession.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Spirit, intercede . . .

People: when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Leader: Spirit, intercede . . .

People: when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

Leader: Spirit, intercede . . .

People: break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Beloved, hear this good news: God is for us. Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory be to God for this grace and mercy. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1967

F B \flat F C7 F C7 F

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. The vocal line is on a single treble clef staff with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;". The piano accompaniment consists of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a grand staff brace on the left. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols F, B-flat, F, C7, F, C7, and F are placed above the vocal line.

Gm C7 F Dm

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,". The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture. Chord symbols Gm, C7, F, and Dm are placed above the vocal line.

Gm C7 F Gm C7

world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics "world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is". The piano accompaniment continues. Chord symbols Gm, C7, F, Gm, and C7 are placed above the vocal line.

F Dm Gm C7 F

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

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

C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb F

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

To you, God of Christ Jesus, we bring our concern for our sisters and brothers in all the world.

For you who seek justice and mercy, we pray for all who are wronged and neglected, and for those who work and suffer to right wrongs, champion the oppressed, and rescue the lost. Merciful God, work through our prayers,

People: Just God, work through our deeds...

Leader: For you who foster health of body and mind, we pray for the diseased, badly injured, emotionally impaired or spiritually dying, and also for all human agents of healing and comfort. Especially we lift up our beloved 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. Merciful God, work through our prayers,

People: Just God, work through our deeds...

Leader: For you who want the church to be at one in prayer and mission, we pray for the church in its divided and scattered condition, and for those who work tirelessly for reconciliation. Merciful God, work through our prayers,

People: Just God, work through our deeds...

Leader: For you who seek the salvation of the world from evil and alienation, we pray for those without faith and hope, and for those who humbly and lovingly spread the Gospel of Jesus. Merciful God, work through our prayers,

People: Just God, work through our deeds...

Leader: For you who want each of us to live with freedom and confidence, we pray for any among us who are feeling crushed by circumstances over which they seem to have no control, and for those of us who quietly minister to each other like angels of mercy. Merciful God, work through our prayers,

People: Just God, work through our deeds...

Leader: For you who cannot hear God's gentle message over the roar of the world and the clamor of our minds, we pray to hear God's voice.

People: **Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.**

Leader: Most loving God, we pray with faith and with thanksgiving, knowing that you are already doing things far beyond our capacity to understand or imagine. Through Christ Jesus our persistent Savior, 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 29:15-30 (OT) pg. 26

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. ²⁹(Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

²⁶*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.* ²⁷*And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* ²⁸*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*

²⁹*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.* ³⁰*And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

³¹*What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?* ³²*He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?* ³³*Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.* ³⁴*Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.* ³⁵*Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* ³⁶*As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."* ³⁷*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹*nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

400 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Unison $\frac{B\flat}{C}$ C F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Dm7 G7

1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, not for wis-dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing faith and hope will play their

Csus C Am7 $\frac{D7}{A}$ Gm Eb7 D $\frac{D7}{C}$

cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this
 kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
 wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall

$\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Gm F7 Bb $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ Am7 $\frac{C7}{A}$ Dm7 Gm7 C7sus C7 F

bet - ter gift we yearn:
 ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long:
 reign in ev - ery heart:

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*HYMN OF SENDING

Christ Beside Me

No. 425

Christ Beside Me

Unison C

1 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me,
 4 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,

Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;
 Christ all a - round me— shield in the strife;
 Christ be on all tongues tell - ing of me;
 Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;

Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
 Christ be the vi - sion, in eyes that see me,
 Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,

Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.
 Christ in my ris - ing— light of my life.
 in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.
 Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.

WORDS: James Quinn, S.J. (1919-); adapt. from *St. Patrick's Breastplate*
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D.

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A F/B^b Gm⁹ C⁷

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

F Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A F/B^b 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 Linda Shupp by Megan Whetstone. After Sunday's worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will be kept in the church office after Sunday.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Eunice Ireton (North door), Don Dammeyer (South door), and Kendra Bonifas (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- July 23 Worship Online-76, In-Person-65 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.</p>
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Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, August 3rd. Thank you!

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

Men's Club- Will be meeting Saturday, August 5th at 8am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. You are welcome to join for conversation and fellowship!

Saturday, August 5th-Worship will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery is 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.

Widow and Widower's Luncheon-The next Widow & Widower's Luncheon will be Wednesday, August 9, 11:30am – 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Confirmation Orientation Meeting- There will be a Confirmation Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00pm in the Assembly Room for 2023-2024 confirmand parents and students.

Mission Team Meeting- is on Sunday, August 20th following the worship service 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.

Pictorial Directory- August 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.

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 a week! It is a very interesting page as it has beautiful photos and stories about each church. We are excited St. Paul is included.

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.

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 30, 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	Worship at Elmwood Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Men's Club at Speedway Lanes 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.

