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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

August 5 and 6, 2023

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon
Sr. Elder

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry (Saturday)
Bev Plattner (Sunday)
Lynda Ranly (Sunday)
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION [Strengthen the Church video](#)

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
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, carrying just what we need for the journey:

People: five loaves, two fish, our willingness to engage with God.

Leader: We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

People: our time, our talents, our gifts.

Leader: We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

People: in God's hands, what we have is enough.

***HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

No. 411

How Firm a Foundation

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

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

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

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em C G D

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you in trou - ble to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

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

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: When we call upon God, God answers.

Even when our steps stray from God's path,
even when our feet slip,

God listens to us and answers our prayers.

Let us offer God our prayer of confession.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Generous God, you freely offer us all we need.

People: **You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again.**

You offer us living water, so we will never thirst.

Leader: But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy.

People: **Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.**

God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us. In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward.

People: **Thanks be to God; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, 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♭ F C7 F C7 F

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

The first system of music features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 4/4 time and begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The key signature has one flat (B♭).

Gm C7 F Dm

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

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a half rest followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar melodic and harmonic structure.

Gm C7 F Gm C7

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

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic resolution.

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.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

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²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

(NT) pg. 16

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

It Begins with Contact

Rev. Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

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. Grape juice is in the center circle of the tray and wine fills the cups around it.

Leader: May the Table-setting God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift your hungry hearts to our God.

People: We offer them to the One who feeds us with grace.

Leader: God gives us all we need in every moment.

People: Our mouths will sing God's praise in these moments.

Leader: When the hour was late, you spoke, Steadfast Love, and creation sprang forth in newness:

**People: tadpoles stretching into bullfrogs;
caterpillars crystallizing into butterflies;
raindrops plopping on broad leaves;
thunder rolling through the valleys,**

Leader: and you shaped us in your image. If we had listened to you, we would have feasted on Eden's delights,

People: but we hungered for sin's moldy bread, and drank death's sour wine.

Leader: With great love and unceasing hope, you sent the prophets to us,

People: but we sent them away for the hour was too early to follow you.

Then, in overwhelming compassion, you sent Jesus to us.

Leader: With those who have been fed by your love,
with those who drink deeply of your joy,
we lift our voices in thanksgiving to you:

People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of gracious love.

All creation rejoices in you.

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One filled with great compassion.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: You are gracious and merciful, Holy God, and Jesus Christ is your heart made flesh.

People: **He, who had everything,
came to fill those who had nothing.**

Leader: He, who lived in glory, came to the deserted places of our hearts to love us.

People: **He, who is over all,
came to submit to death's power,
being cut off from you, until
you raised him to new life.**

Leader: We need not go away empty, but are fed at the Table, where we speak the truth in Christ:

People: **Christ died, the witness to obedience;
God raised Christ, the witness to the resurrection;
Christ will come again, the witness to the promises to us.**

Leader: Here at this Table, God of abundance, you feed us with grace and peace which is offered at no cost to us.

The Holy Spirit blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to us

People: **so we might have the strength to hold those whose knees wobble from fear and despair.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit blesses the cup, pours it, and gives it to us

People: **so we can go to lift up the hopes which the world has dashed to the ground.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit will gather up the broken people to create a community of wholeness.

People: **And when the final hour is now, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers of every time and place,**

Leader: we will eat and be filled at the Lamb's Supper, and rejoice with

one voice as we praise you forever and ever,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Words of Institution

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER

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

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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
(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.*

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

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

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

GOING FORTH

719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:

B \flat _D F B \flat _D $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Cm B \flat _D F Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Dm Gm9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here his ten-der com-fort
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

$\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.
 Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-)

MUSIC: Welsh melody

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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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 Loved Ones by Cindy and Jerry Newman. 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 Lois Dicke (North door), Jerry Newman (East door), and a sympathy card for the family of Mary Finke (South door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- July 30 Worship Online-76, In-Person-68 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.</p>
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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.

Celebration of Life- Mary Finke's Celebration of Life service will be at Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home on August 12th at 11:00am. Please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers.

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.

Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the September mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by August 21st. Thank you!

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.

August Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church

August’s monthly mission is Strengthen the Church. This year’s theme is “On Holy Ground.” The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Thank you for your support – The Mission Team

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Office Administrator, 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 Office Administrator is a part-time position which includes bulletin creation, keeper of vital church records, and phone answering among other tasks.

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.

Calendar-Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship w/ Holy Communion In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm 7:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open Church Council Meeting
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))**

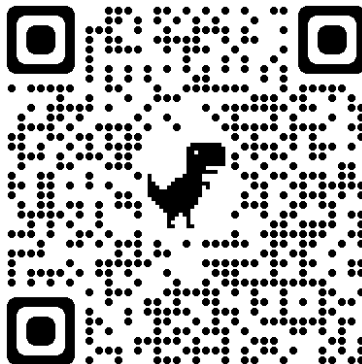
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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).