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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

August 13, 2023
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Arienne Henry
June Oaks
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is accompanied by chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, and F7. The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues the melody with chords: Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, and C7. The lyrics are: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues with chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, and F7. The lyrics are: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes with chords: Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, and F7. The lyrics are: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." There are two boxed options at the end of the fourth staff: "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

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: O give thanks to the Lord! Sing to God!

People: Tell of God's wonderful works!

Leader: Remembering all the things God has done, we glory in God's holy name!

People: We seek the Lord, our strength and refuge: we come to be in God's presence with awe.

***HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 71

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm B \flat 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B \flat 6 C7 F $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tain-
 tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tion! Have you not seen all that is
 ing! Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 you. Let the A-men sound from his
 fore him.

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C Am B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ A $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We have come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us and cares for us.

People: **But also a voice challenging us to do better, to love more fully, and to believe more wholeheartedly.**

Leader: Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

People: **Let us confess our sins against God and one another.**

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord.

People: **But believing with our hearts and living in a way that puts you first is much harder.**

Leader: We are quick to trust in such idols as wealth, power, knowledge or even social respectability.

People: **We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

People: **God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions. Believe the Good News of the Gospel; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are saved,**

we are forgiven,

we are freed!

Hallelujah, 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 with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. Chord symbols F, B♭, 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,

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. 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

The third system concludes the piece. 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.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(OT) pg.34

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and

not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

(NT) pg.160

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

***HYMN**

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

No. 11

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

11

(N.C.) $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F Gm F C

1 Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
2 O for the liv - ing flame, from God's own al - tar brought,
3 God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
4 Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;

$\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm C $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought.
then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.
stand up and bless his glo - rious name, both now and ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
MUSIC: Aaron Williams' *New Universal Psalmodist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS
S.M.

SERMON

Nice Coat!

Rev. Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: We come to God with our prayers for other people. Let us pray.

It is not much use, Holy One, praying for our world-wide neighbors unless we trust you with our own lives, and what is harder, completely trust you with the lives of our loved ones. Therefore, we pray that you will increase our faith and embolden us to both pray and live by it. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for those far away neighbors who are in conflict: in the Middle East, Africa, South-East Asia, Central America, and Europe. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for mistreated neighbors: suffering from extortion and exploitation, political or religious oppression, economic injustice, or domestic tyranny. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for neglected neighbors: homeless, misjudged, persecuted, and hungry, or consigned to unremitting poverty, hard labor, and a short life. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for near-at-hand neighbors: at work, in our street, in stores, banks, schools, and hospitals; all who are in trouble and at their wits end. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for our bruised and weeping neighbors: those without meaningful work, pained by divorce, grieving over a delinquent child, or weeping hot tears at a grave side. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for the neighbors in our church: the weak and the strong, the shy and the outgoing, the leaders and the followers, the newcomers and the familiar faces, those bearing secret burdens and those buoyant with happiness. We especially lift up: 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. Loving God, teach us to trust you

People: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, we pray for our witness to our neighbors. Open our hearts and minds to the message you would have us share.

People: Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.

Leader: Holy one, we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our 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.**

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef 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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The asterisk indicates a specific emphasis or performance instruction.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

People: Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim that you are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope and your healing are near to them. Amen.

WITNESS & MISSION

554 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

N.C. F $\frac{F}{A}$ C F C

1 We have heard the joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 2 Send it on the roll - ing tide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 3 Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 4 Give the winds a might - y voice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

C7 F C C7 F

Spread the ti - dings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Tell to sin - ners far and wide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 By his death and end - less life: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Let the na - tions now re - joice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

$\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ F C

Bear the news to ev - ery land, climb the steep and cross the waves;
 Sing, you is - lands of the sea! Ech - o back, you o - cean caves!
 Sing it soft - ly through the gloom, when the heart for mer - cy craves;
 Shout sal - va - tion full and free, high - est hills and deep - est caves;

C7 F $\frac{F}{E\flat}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 F

on - ward! 'tis our Lord's com - mand: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 this our song of vic - to - ry: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

*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 Lawrence and Thelma Broerman by John and Gin Voress.

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 Steve Imwalle (North door), Teresa Joyce (South door), and Mim Donnerberg (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- August 5th & 6th attendance numbers will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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.

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 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 13, 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
	7:00pm	Confirmation Orientation Meeting
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	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))**

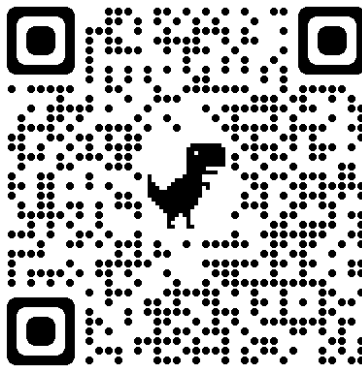
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

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).

Join us for worship,
lunch, and celebration!!
Sunday, September 10th
Celebrating 190 Years!



St. Paul United Church of Christ
1833-2023

Please look in the Announcements section of the bulletin for more details