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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 27, 2023

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

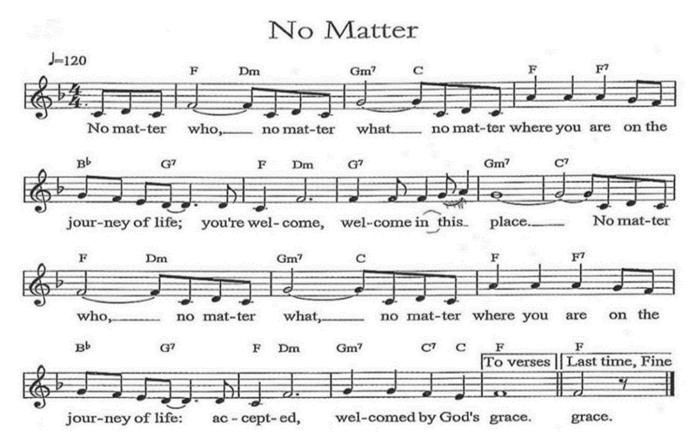
The Congregation Rev. Ken Locke Patty Ruckman Lynda Ranly June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG



*CALL TO WORSHIP

<u>Leader</u>: We gather as the body of Christ. We are many individuals, but together we are one.

<u>People</u>: Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role, but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah. Together, we worship our uniting Lord.

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

No. 106

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 106



*CALL TO CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

*CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble.

People: We fear this world.
We fear losing our status,
our stability,
our station,
more than we fear you.

<u>Leader</u>: Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

<u>Leader</u>: If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment. But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

<u>People</u>: With heartfelt joy we embrace the Good News of the Gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory Be to the Father





God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10

(OT) pg. 49

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was

crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

(NT) pg. 161

I exhort you, my sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your earthly selves as a living and holy sacrifice, well pleasing to God (which is your reasonable response to God's love). Do not be shaped by the values, customs, and standards you see everyone else following, but be transformed by the spiritual renewal of your minds, that you may discern God's will: what is good, acceptable, best.

Through the grace given to me, I say to every one of you not to think of yourself more highly than you should but to evaluate yourself soberly, each of you according to the faith God has given you. For just as one body has many members but the members do not all have the same function, so we many are members of the one body of Christ, and also members of each other. We each have gifts that differ according to the nature of the grace given to us: prophecy according to the faith given to us; service in serving; teachers in teaching; the exhorter in exhorting; the giver in sincerity; the person leading us in diligence; the one caring for others with cheerfulness. (KL)

*HYMN

Psalm 138

(Sing to the tune of Rejoice, the Lord Is King!)

O Lord, my heart will sing,
I give Thee thanks and praise,
And in Thy holy temple bow
Throughout my days.
Thy steadfast love in faithfulness,
O God, let shower from above.

God answered when I called,
Responding to my need;
The rulers of the earth shall name
Thee Lord indeed!
The proud will fall, their boasts are vain,
The meek of earth shall o'er them reign.

Though dangers gather round,
O, Lord, preserve my life;
And by Thy strong and forceful arm
I conquer strife.
God will give heed, my hopes fulfill,
And keep the vow to love me still.

(6.6.6.6.8.8; Darwall's 148th)

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

<u>Leader</u>: God of all care and comfort, we pray for our sisters and brothers of every race and creed.

<u>People</u>: We pray all of them will know their individuality and that none of them will consider themselves just another statistic.

<u>Leader</u>: Merciful God, we cannot love every person, but you do, and we seek your blessing on them.

<u>People</u>: Please help those who are caught up in webs of corporate evil, and those who are torn by personal temptations, to take control of their own destiny.

<u>Leader</u>: Please help any who are on the brink of belief and trust, but who feel that their lives are too insignificant for you to be concerned for them, to find renewed faith.

<u>People</u>: Please help children who are enduring war, hunger, violence, or who are forsaken, orphaned, homeless, or diseased, to receive loving care through the hands of your agents of mercy.

<u>Leader</u>: Please help the intellectually and physically handicapped, the frail who find each day a major struggle, the lonely, sad or bitter, to discover peace and purpose in their daily lives. Today we especially hold up for your tender mercy 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.

<u>People</u>: Please help local, state, and national governments to find the way to achieve what is best without fear or favor.

<u>Leader</u>: Please help leaders, managers, and workers in commerce and industry to look beyond short-term victories to the long-term wellbeing of all.

<u>People</u>: Please help the outreach of our church, our social justice ministries, and our ventures in evangelism, that we may be more ready to serve than be served.

<u>Leader</u>: Please help us to make time to strengthen our bonds with you by being sure to listen for your word. Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

<u>Leader</u>: Please help us, where it is appropriate to our skills and opportunities, to implement some of these prayers with sensitivity, integrity, and quiet determination.

<u>People</u>: Through Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us how to live when he taught us how to pray by 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.

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.

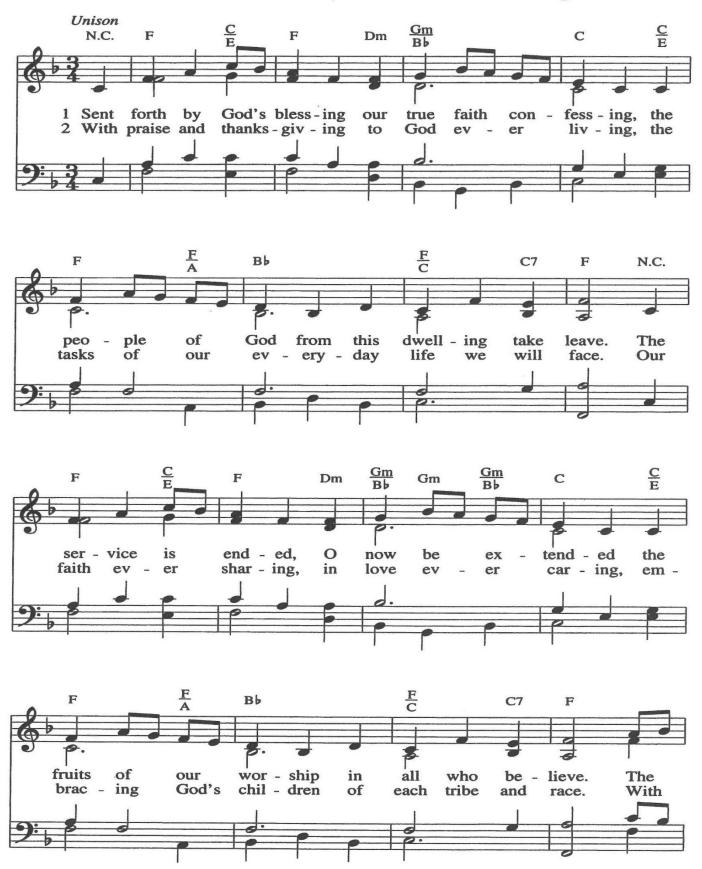
592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



*OFFERTORY PRAYER: We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, O God, but with our lives and these gifts we are offering to you. We pray that through our offerings others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

GOING FORTH

712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing





*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

<u>Leader</u>: I appeal to you, beloved, by the mercies of God, to present your lives as a living sacrifice, set aside and acceptable to God.

People: The love of Christ inspires us.

<u>Leader</u>: Do not be conformed to the thinking of this age but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may test and prove the will of God.

People: The love of Christ empowers us.

<u>Leader</u>: The love of Christ Jesus will empower you, the love of God will underpin you, the friendship of the Spirit will fulfil you, today and forever.

People: The love of our Triune God will guide us forevermore. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Pass the Love





*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Linda Bushman by the Allen Bushman family. 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 Stan Quellhorst (South door), Pat Moeller (East door), and Martha Plattner (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- August 20 | Worship In-Person-64, Online-65 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

Volunteers Needed & Office Hours Update – Urgently looking for volunteers to be in the office to answer the phone, M-Th 1-3:30pm. If interested, please contact the office.

For this fall semester only, Leah has a hybrid work schedule (working inoffice and remotely). Her in-office hours are M,W,F: 8-10am and T & Th: 8amnoon. She is still able to communicate through email stpaulnb@nktelco.net when working remotely. If you need to drop something off to the office while it's closed, please put it in the office's safe box mail slot & attach a note with it if needed. Thank you!

Men's Club- Will be meeting Saturday, September 2nd at 8am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. You are welcome to join for conversation and fellowship!

Saturday Worship- will be on September 2nd in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

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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.

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!

Elmwood Worship-Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Jeff Paul with this wonderful service. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

Widow and Widower's Luncheon-The next Widow & Widower's Luncheon will be Wed, September 13, 11:30am – 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Youth Programs Start- on September 13th and will be every Wednesday: Splash (4th-5th grade) at 5:30pm, Confirmation Class (8th grade) at 7pm, Youth Group (6th -12th grade) at 7pm. All are welcome to join. The permission form is available for download on our website **stpaulnb.org.** Just click the yellow **YOUTH MINISTRIES-PERMISSION FORM** box along the top of the website.

Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, September 14. Thank you!

Women's Service Group- A meeting/luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 14th from 12:00 – 1:30pm in the assembly room. Recycling program will be discussed.

Worship Team- Will meet on Sunday, September 17 following worship in the assembly room.

Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the October mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by Monday, September 18. Thank you!

Church Council Meeting- will be Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm in the assembly room.

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.

The Heartland Conference- The 2023 Annual Gathering of the Heartland Conference is approaching. You will want to save the dates on your calendar and make plans to attend this event, which promises to be one of the most informative and inspiring ever.

This year's Annual Gathering will be held on Friday, Sept.29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 at a new location: Gender Road Christian Church, 5336 Gender Rd. in Canal Winchester, Ohio (southeast of Columbus). Registration information and hotel recommendations for those with greater travel distances will be sent out shortly and will be included on the website: heartlanducc.org.

The highlight of the Annual Gathering will be the keynote address given by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, the newly-installed General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

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- Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste-Adult, Deodorant (Men's and Women's), Shaving Cream, Vaseline, Softener Sheets, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Diaper Cream/Desitan, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Diapers (Sizes: Newborn and 1-6). 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.

September/October 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 <u>jrpaul@nktelco.net</u> or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Calendar-Week of August 27, 2023

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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
Friday	10:00am	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes
	5:00pm	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.*



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



WELCOME BACK YOUTH!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:15 AM YOUTH WORSHIP BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION!

YOUTH BIBLE PRESENTATION

LUNCH TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!