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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

September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Owen Rindler
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

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 F⁷
jour-ney of life: ac - cept- ed, wel- comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God turns our sorrow into laughter.

People: God is faithful to us in our doubt.

Leader: Come into God's presence with joy.

People: With God all things are possible!

*HYMN

Christ Be My Leader

No. 453

Christ Be My Leader

Unison
Eb

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
 2 Christ by my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.
 death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
 Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Chord symbols: Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Bb, Fm, Bb/D, Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Cm, Bb sus, Bb, Ab, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb/D, Cm, Gm7, Ab, Bb/D, Cm, Gm/Bb, Ab, Cm, Eb/G, Fm/Ab, Ab, Fm7/C, Eb

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)
 MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926-)

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As children of God, we believe in believing. As children of the world, we are assailed by unbelief.

People: **With hope we confess those times we have embraced unbelief.**

***CONFESSION**

Leader: God of all that is, we have failed to trust you to care for us.

People: **We have tried to be our own god in our own lives and the lives of others.**

We have not listened to your call, nor lived in faithfulness to you.

We have caused harm directly and indirectly to ourselves, our neighbors, and your creation.

Leader: In your infinite grace and mercy, forgive and restore us, so that with your help, we might become the people you created us to be.

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

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: Hear the Good News: by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made new creations in Jesus Christ, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives all our sin. Beloved, walk with God in this newness of life.

People: **With joy we walk the new life of Children of God, because we know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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 \flat 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, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. Chord symbols F, Bb, 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. The vocal line has a half rest followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. 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. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. 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.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

GOSPEL LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

(OT) pg.14

18The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

21The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

EPISTLE LESSON: Mark 10:27

(NT) pg.46

²⁷*Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”*

*HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

No. 451

Be Still, My Soul

F C/Bb F A C7/G F C/Bb F A Bb C7/G F

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on

C/Bb F A C7/G F C/Bb F A Bb C7/G F F/E

Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu-ture as he has the past; your hope, your
 when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-

Dm F/A C Gm D7/A Gm/Bb F/C F/A

God to or-der and pro-vide— in ev-ery change he
 con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake— all now mys-te-rious
 point-ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's

Bb Bb6 Gm6/Bb A F Dm F/A C

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

SERMON

Can God be Trusted?

Rev. Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us seek God's merciful aid for the church and the world, for individuals and communities, for the famous and the obscure.

Let us pray.

For those who have power without the wisdom to use it well,
 and for those who have wisdom without the power to apply it.

Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For people who want to learn but have no teacher,
 for those who have much to teach but no one will listen.

Holy God, our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For those who have been forced to retire too early,
 and for those who are overworked and long for retirement.

Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For those we have never heard of who need your special protection and care, and for those we know who need your grace. Especially, we hold 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.
Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For the wounded and diseased who have inadequate care, and for the pampered who turn ill health into an obsession.
Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For people who are dying with no one to mourn them, and for those who mourn with no one to comfort them.
Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: For all who remain cheerful in the midst of poverty and grave handicap, and for some who are disgruntled in spite of plenty and good health. Holy God, hear our prayer,

People: Loving God, make us into a blessing.

Leader: Holy Friend, you love all as one human family, yet deal with us individually as if we were the only child you have. Please give to us your generous and practical spirit, so that our prayers may be converted into deeds, day by day. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer, who taught us to pray, 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*
(Tune is the same but words have changed)

No.34

*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 two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.'

*HYMN OF SENDING

Go Forth for God

No. 708

Go Forth for God

F C F B \flat F C Dm B \flat C F B \flat D Am C

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

B \flat F B \flat D F C F/A C F Dm Bdim D C Dm

cour - age, armed with heav - en - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

Gm B \flat Gm F/A Gm B \flat A F/A C B \flat D F C F F/A Gsus G

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

C F C Dm A Dm Gm B \flat Gm F/A Csus C F

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

*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 Loved Ones by Vernon Paul.

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 Dee Schroer (South door), Bev Poppe (East door), and Ann Kuhn (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- September 10 Sunday School-Youth-39, Teachers-6; Worship In-Person-160, Online-93; September 13 Youth-18, Adults-10 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.</p>
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Canceled | September Book Club- This book club meeting is canceled. We are currently looking for a new Champion to lead this group. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office.

September Monthly Mission: Local Aid

The mission for the month of September is Local Aid. As the name implies, local aid helps individuals and families in our surrounding communities, meet the needs of daily life. Aid can come in the form of gas cards, rent money, and other miscellaneous repairs and expenses that may occur in our daily living. To give towards Local Aid, please mark your giving envelope accordingly or bring to the church office in an envelope labeled "Local Aid". Thank you!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Today | Worship Team- Will meet following worship in the assembly room.

September 18th | 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!

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

September 29th & 30th | 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 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.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

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

Calendar-Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
		In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Worship Team Meeting
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	10:00am	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.

