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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 24, 2023
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Connie O'Neill
Sieanna and Shelly Zeller
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. 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 Servants of God, praise the name of our Lord.

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting the Lord's name is to be praised.

Together, let us worship our praiseworthy God!

***HYMN**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

No. 647

647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

G D G G D D7 G

1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
 3 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

G D G G D D7 G

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
 see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
 Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.

G D G D

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
 Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;

G D G G D D7 G

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Coming to God for honest assessment and correction, is one of the great privileges of being a Christian.

Let us pray.

*CONFESSION

Leader: Most lovely and most loving God, we place the transcript of our daily lives before you, written on the fabric of our being, and we pray that you will edit our story with the radical love of Christ Jesus.

People: We are not as our friends think we are, we are not even what we imagine ourselves to be. Our insight is defective, and we are not able to read ourselves accurately.

Leader: You alone see the full text, the lines of glory, the pages of shame, the many grey paragraphs, and the unfinished sentences.

Look upon us with your saving mercy, loving God.

People: Please forgive and delete every single thing that is unlovely and unloving.

Correct and restructure all that is misshapen.

Highlight the things worth repeating or enlarging.

Rephrase the unfinished sentences so that they may continue on to declare your glory.

Leader: You alone are capable, you alone can be trusted to deal with all the secret pages of mind and heart.

People: Make us more yours than we have ever been before, and in being more yours, become more truly ourselves. Through Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen!

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: Listen to the Good News: “Here is love. Not our love of God but God’s love for us in giving us the true Son to be the remedy for the pollution of our sins.”

People: In the name of the Son of God-light of the world, friend of sinners, rescuer of the lost, healer of the broken, joy of the redeemed,

we celebrate this good news: Our sins are forgiven and the pages of our lives made new! 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 key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a melody in the right hand that mirrors 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 piece. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

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 begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the established eighth-note bass line and right-hand melody.

F Dm Gm C7 F

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



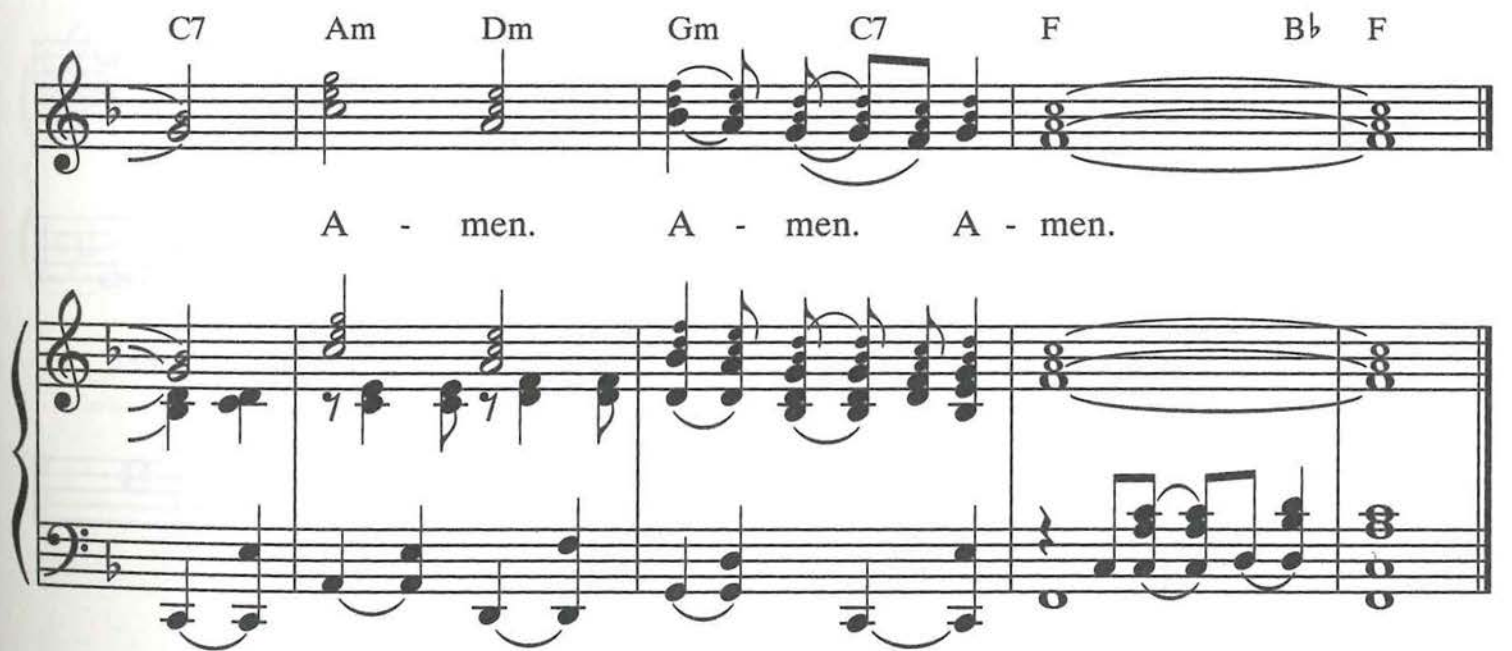
Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

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 32:22-30

(OT) pg. 30

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."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 14:32-36

(NT) pg. 52

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Our youngest disciples are invited to come to the chancel steps for a special word. Afterwards, they are invited to take a worship bag and return to their seats.)

*HYMN

You Servants of God

No. 112

You Servants of God

G $\frac{G}{B}$ D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ D G D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$

1 You serv-ants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a-
 2 God rules in the heights, al-might-y to save; though hid from our
 3 "Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry a-
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and

D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D B Em $\frac{Am6}{E}$ $\frac{B}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$

broad his won-der-ful name; the name all-vic-to-rious of
 sight, his pres-ence we have; the great con-gre-ga-tion his
 loud and hon-or the Son: the prais-es of Je-sus the
 power, all wis-dom and might: all hon-or and bless-ing, with

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{F\#dim}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G C Am D G

Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all.
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus our King.
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es and wor-ship the Lamb.
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fi-nite love.

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family, and all the world.

That churches of all traditions may discover their unity in Christ and exercise their gifts in service of all, we pray to you, O God.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease, and the air, soil, and waters cleansed of poison, we pray to you, O God.

People: Lord, grant us your mercy.

Leader: That those who govern will maintain peace in every land and exercise their powers in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God.

People: Lord, spread your peace.

Leader: That you will strengthen our nation to pursue just priorities so that races may be reconciled; the young educated; the old cared for; the hungry filled, the homeless housed; the sick comforted and healed

People: Lord, give us firm resolve.

Leader: That you will preserve all who live and work in our community in peace and safety, we pray to you, O God.

People: Lord, bestow our petition.

Leader: That you will comfort and empower those who face any difficulty or trial: the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve, those in prison, the disabled, the sick, and those who mourn. Today, we especially lift up to you: Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That you will accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ now at rest, who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God.

People: **Lord, unite your children.**

Leader: Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay, you form us into a new creation. Shape us, day by day, through the cross of Christ your Son, until we pray as continually as we breathe and all our acts are prayer. Through Jesus Christ, and in the mystery of the Holy Spirit, we pray, **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 below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GOING FORTH

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Go Forth for God

F C F Bb F C Dm Bb C F Bb/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

Bb F Bb/D F C F/A C F Dm Bdim/D C Dm

cour - age, armed with heaven - 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/Bb Gm F/A Gm/Bb A F/A C Bb/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/Bb 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

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

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7, F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C, Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

*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 Kenneth Henschen by Kathy Manbeck and 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 Lucille Francis (South door), Pam Simon (North door), and a sympathy card for Jerry Newman's family (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- September 17 Sunday School-Youth-17, Teachers-5; Worship In-Person-91, Online-86; September 20 Youth-26, Adults-6 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.</p>
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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 & OCTOBER EVENTS

September 26th | Stewardship Meeting- will be held at 6:30pm in the assembly room.

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.

October 1st | Bible 101- Beginning this month, Rev. Locke will be offering a series of Bible study classes. We will meet during the Sunday School time (9-10am) in the Chapel. All are welcome!

October 1st | Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

October 3rd | Elmwood Worship- starts at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Locke with this wonderful service. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

October 5th | Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, October 5. Thank you!

October 7th | Men's Club- Will be meeting at 8am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. You are welcome to join for conversation and fellowship!

October 7th | Saturday Worship- will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

October 8th | Church History- All are welcome to join Rev. Locke's Bible study class during the Sunday School time (9-10am) in the Chapel.

October 8th | Worship Team Meeting- will be in the assembly room following worship.

October 10th | Church Council Meeting- will be held at 7:00pm in the assembly room.

October 12th | Women's Service Group- We will be traveling to VOSH/Ohio, in Pandora, OH for a work day, sorting and cleaning eyeglasses. We will meet at 7:30 AM in the St. Paul parking lot, for ride sharing/carpooling. We will be working at VOSH from 9 AM to 12 noon. Afterwards, we will be enjoying

lunch at Pandora's Lunch Box. Husbands and guests are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to June Oaks, by calling or texting: 513-222-3810; or by email: junemoaks2@gmail.com by 10/10/2023.

October 16th | Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the November mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by Monday, October 16. Thank you!

October 18th | Youth Fall Outing- please join us at Van Demark Farm at 6pm for The Lost Land and Corn Maze, mini golf, petting zoo, hay rides, giant swing, and bonfire!

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 24, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	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
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	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.

