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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

October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon
Sr. Elder

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
Roland Dicke
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*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 F

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

To verses Last time, Fine

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Ours is the God for all seasons.

On this early Sunday of fall,

we welcome you to this house of prayer:

People: in the name of the Son of God,

in the assurance of the love of God,

in the company of the Spirit of God.

Together, we worship our God of all seasons.

***HYMN**

O Worship the King

No. 2

O Worship the King

2

G $\frac{G}{B}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G D G $\frac{G}{B}$ D

1 O wor-ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G D $\frac{A7}{D}$ D7 $\frac{G}{D}$

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

D $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant (1779-1838); para. Psalm 104

MUSIC: Attr. Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806); William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815

LYONS
10.10.11.11.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: At every stage and every season of life, God's love is for all – even repenting sinners like us. Let us pray:

*CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, we don't always admit it, but we are creatures who need a Savior. We are pleased with the good we have done, the loyalty we have displayed, the love we have shared. But that is only one side of the story. In many situations we have fallen short of the target which Christ has placed before us, and we have spoilt or neglected the happiness of others.

People: We have welcomed the temptations rushing upon us like a blast of loud music, and embraced those misdeeds arriving with false modesty, hiding behind the skirts of good intentions.

We have sinned in ways that brazenly corrupt us and in ways that surreptitiously eat away at us like termites, undermining our values and good resolves.

Our guilt shouts at us, condemning us; our sin is cunning and slides sideways into excuses, excuses, excuses.

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us and mend our fractured nature.

Grounded in Christ Jesus, may we rediscover that eternal season of love where all things are made new.

People: In your love may we be renewed, and in your service may we be fulfilled. In the name of your holy Son, our Savior.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

Leader: It is written: "By love you are saved through faith; and even your faith is not your achievement but is a gift from God." Take up this precious gift of salvation, and live boldly as the children of God.

People: As children of God we live boldly, knowing that in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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♭), and the time signature is 4/4.

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: Exodus 3:1-15

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Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁸Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ‘if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’ ²⁰There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; ²¹and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; ²²none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. ²³In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.”

²⁴Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

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.)

SERMON

“What do we want?” “Eternal Life!”
“When do we want it?” “Now!”

Rev. Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

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 are 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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power.

People: From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast.

Leader: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved.

He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin.

Leader: You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

People: By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Leader: O God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.

People: Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

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 voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. 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 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The asterisked words are italicized in the original image.

*HYMN OF SENDING

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 712

712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison
N.C. F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb C C/E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb Gm Gm/Bb C C/E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)
MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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ASH GROVE
6.6.11.6.6.11.D.

F C7

seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall
 your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: u -

F C Dm C/E C/G G C Dm7 C/E

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb Gm Gm/Bb C C/E

grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
 may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, marked J=95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords. The chords are: 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.

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.

*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 John A. Ahlers & Howard and Lorma Wiehe by Marlene Ahlers.

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 Karen Fox (East door), and sympathy cards for Peg Henschen & family (South door), and Cody Manbeck & family (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- September 17 Sunday School Youth-17, Teachers-5; September 20 Youth-26, Adults-6; September 24 Worship In-Person-80, Online-57 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.</p>

2024 Council Candidates- We are looking for council candidates to fill these positions: Vice President, Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Treasurer, and a Youth Representative. If you feel God is laying this on your heart or you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to the church office or Myra Hanenkratt.

2024 Altar Flower Chart is posted (January-June). Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office to sign up. 2024 altar flower price will be \$40.00. Thank you.

October Monthly Mission: Neighbors in Need

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need "Behold!" theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

Let's join together to promote this year's NIN "Behold!" campaign at our church. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as

supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering will be collected throughout the month of October here at St. Paul UCC in New Bremen. You may donate by placing your money or check in an envelope marked NIN and place it in the offering plate, or online at stpaulnb.org. Thank you for your generosity.

OCTOBER EVENTS

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 October 1, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:00am	Bible Study
	10:15am	Worship w/ Holy Communion In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	2:00pm	Worship at Elmwood
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Special 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
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.

