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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

#### October 22, 2023

#### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Worship Leader
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation Rev. Ken Locke Bryan Trego Kay Nolte Carla Topp June Oaks

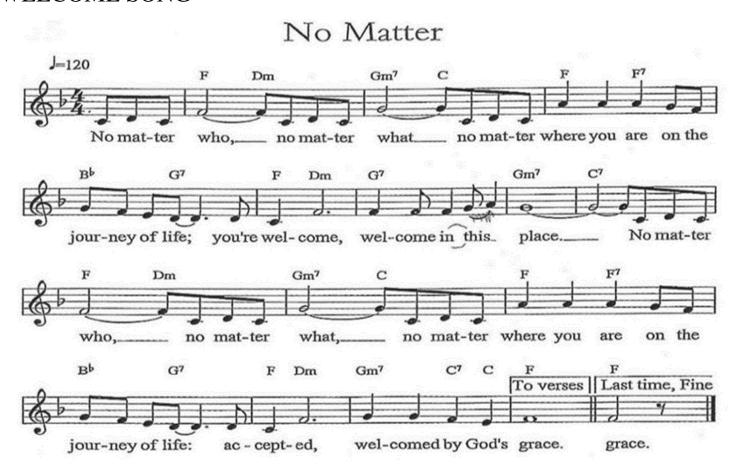
#### PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

## We Gather Together

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

#### \*WELCOME SONG



#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

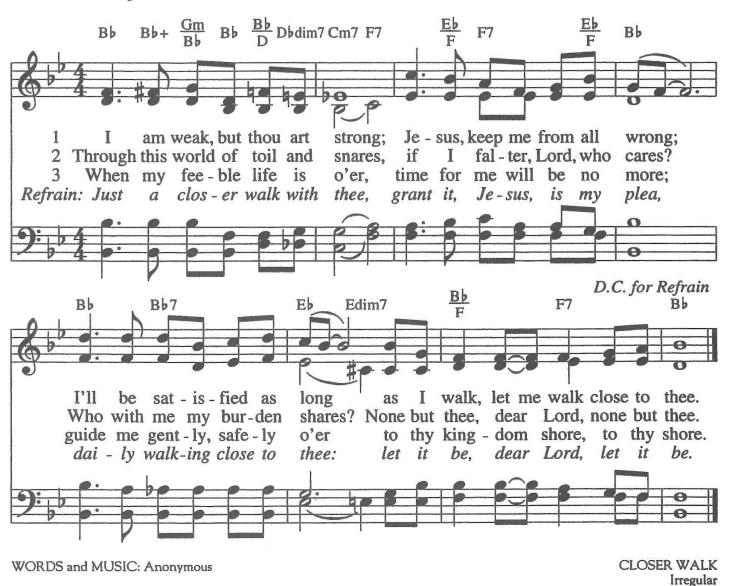
<u>Leader</u>: Praise God in this holy place!

<u>People</u>: Praise God with prayer and singing! Leader: Praise God with instruments and voices!

**People: Praise God with all our siblings in Christ!** 

\*HYMN

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee No.504 Just a Closer Walk with Thee 504



#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: We confess our sins before God and one another.

PAUSE FOR SILENCE AND REFLECTION

#### \*CONFESSION

Leader: God whose reign is just,

<u>People</u>: We acknowledge that our actions and inactions have led to the oppression of our neighbors. We have willingly benefited from privileges that cause harm to others. We have failed to heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in a way that makes it possible for all to flourish. Forgive us our fear of scarcity and love of power, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

#### \*PARDON

<u>Leader:</u> The reign of God has come near to you! In Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, and therefore God forgives us all our sins.

**People:** Let God guide us to work for God's justice. Amen.



### God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5; Psalm 150 pg. 279, 280, 583

5Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

6David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

<sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

#### 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 *He Leadeth Me* No. 499

### He Leadeth Me



## We Respond to God's Word

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

<u>Leader:</u> Let us pray. Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### (SILENT PRAYER)

<u>Leader:</u> Welcoming God, you have invited all people into your just and righteous reign. Help us to accept that invitation each day, and live in joyful anticipation of the feast that has no end. Merciful God,

**People:** You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> We are in awe of the work of your hands, O Creator. Teach us to understand the interconnectedness of all of nature, that people, plants, animals, and the earth itself might flourish together. Merciful God, <u>People:</u> You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> As we walk together on this journey of Lent, give us the humility to see where we have ignored your call. Free us from contempt as we work to seek always to do your will. Merciful God,

**People:** You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> Bring up all who have been brought low by sickness, grief, imprisonment, addiction, isolation, neglect, or illness. Merciful God, <u>People:</u> You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> Open our hearts to extend your hospitality to all the people of the earth. Let us tear down the artificial barriers we construct between peoples and cultures. Merciful God,

People: You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> We thank you for all the saints whose faithfulness has drawn us to your holy table. Hold and keep them until we enjoy the wedding banquet with them in your presence. Merciful God,

### People: You hear our prayer.

<u>Leader:</u> We lift these prayers to you especially for Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer. Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray as one family...

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

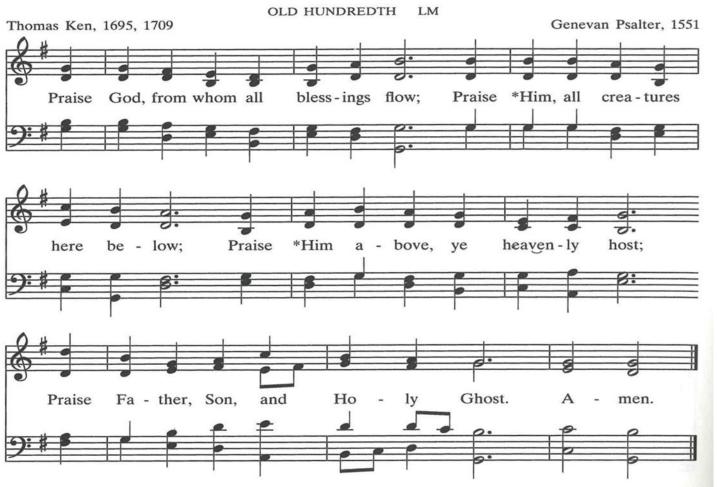
\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 147
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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: Uniting God, join together these and all the gifts of your faithful so that your healing and saving work might be done in our communities and throughout all creation. In Jesus name. Amen.

\*HYMN OF SENDING

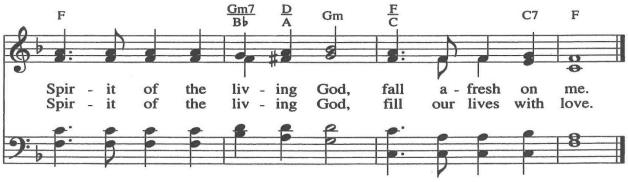
Spirit of the Living God

No.492

#### 492

# Spirit of the Living God





WORDS: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977); vs. 2, Michael Baughen (1930-) MUSIC: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

\*BENEDICTION: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

<u>Leader</u>: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

#### \*POSTLUDE

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers** are in honor of Lloyd Schroer's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday from his grandchildren.

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 Ann Young (East door), Don Dammeyer (South door), and Barb Tostrick (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

**Participants-** October 15 | Sunday School Youth-25, Teachers-7, Worship In-Person-100, Online-25

Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

**2024 Offering Envelopes-** 2024 Offering Envelope Boxes have been placed in the South West Corner of the sanctuary, in front of the pews. Only those members who are currently using their offering envelopes and/or who have indicated wishing to continue to have an offering box have been assigned an offering envelope box for 2024.

All other members who are giving online or giving without using envelopes have been assigned a "giving" number that is not linked to an envelope box. If you are not on the list of "Envelope Box Numbers" – and you wish to receive an "Envelope Box" – Please contact the church office (419-629-2502) or Janet Eilerman (419-733-7161). I will then assign an Envelope Box number for you and you will be able to pick the box up in the church office.

Thank you,

Janet Eilerman

Financial Secretary

#### 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 <a href="stpaulnb.org">stpaulnb.org</a>. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS**

October 29 | Parsonage Trick or Treat- please see graphic for more info.

**November 4**<sup>th</sup> | **Men's Club-** Will be meeting at 8am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. You are welcome to join for conversation and fellowship!

**November 4**<sup>th</sup> | **Saturday Worship-** will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

**November 5**<sup>th</sup> | **Adult Sunday School-** Pastor Ken will lead a class on church sizes and church lifecycles. What does a church's size have to do with how it organizes itself and functions? Do pastors and councils have different roles depending on how many are in worship? What are the stages of growth and decline of a church? When a church starts to decline, is it possible to reverse the trend? (Spoiler alert: it is!) Class will meet in the chapel at 9:00am.

November  $5^{th}$  | Mission Team Meeting- will be held in the assembly room following worship.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> | Women's Service Group-** will meet at church at 10:45am and carpool to Do Good restaurant. We will have lunch at Do Good and a brief

meeting. Then we will pack school bags in St. Paul's assembly room after lunch.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** | **Deadline for Council Report Submissions-** Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, November 9. Thank you!

**November 11<sup>th</sup> | Blessing Pantry Event-** at Gel's IGA in St. Henry from 8am to 4pm. Gel's IGA will be hosting a food drive for our pantry. Gel's has been one of the biggest donators of our pantry through the years.

They plan to make up bags of groceries that can be purchased for \$10. The buyer is then given a ticket to be drawn for a chance to win some nice prizes. Folks also have the option to buy other groceries to donate.

St. Henry is also having their Holiday Open House that weekend. This event will be a good opportunity to support the pantry, perhaps win a prize, and experience what St. Henry has to offer for the upcoming holiday season.

November 11<sup>th</sup> | Fall Mom to Mom Sale- Please see graphic for more info.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** | **Adult Sunday School-** The landscape for ministry has changed recently, but how long has it been changing? What are the causes? Is there anything we can do about the larger picture? How can we continue to proclaim the message when it seems like the language itself has changed? There are no easy answers. There are no silver bullets. But there are many, many silver pellets. Together, they can make a difference. Class will meet in the chapel at 9:00am.

**November 12**<sup>th</sup> | **Veteran's Recognition**- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the worship service November 12<sup>th</sup>. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name and branch served/serving by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**November 12**<sup>th</sup> | **Worship Team Meeting-** will meet in the assembly room following worship.

**November 14**<sup>th</sup> | **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.

**November 14**<sup>th</sup> | **Church Council Meeting-** will be held in the assembly room at 7pm.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> | Christmas Market-** all are welcome to shop during this festive time from 9am-1pm.

**November 20**<sup>th</sup> | **Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions**- Please submit any information you would like included in the December mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by Monday, November 20. Thank you!

**November 21**<sup>st</sup> | **Stewardship Meeting-** will be held in the assembly room at 6:30pm.

#### OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

**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.

**St Paul UCC Job Openings-**The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Office Administrator, 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 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. All Donations Welcome-Blessing Pantry Needs- Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste-Adult, Deodorant (Men's and **Shaving** Cream, Vaseline, Softener Women's), Sheets, Shampoo, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Conditioner, **Dish** Soap, **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.

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 22, 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	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	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.* 







# Fall Mom to Mom Sale

Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:00 AM - 12 PM

\$5 Early Bird Entrance 8am - 9 am Shopping \$2 General Admission 9 am - 12 pm Kids are free! Strollers welcome!

> Enter west double doors on Herman Street St. Paul Church 119 N. Franklin Street New Bremen, Ohio 45869



Interested in being a seller? Call 419-629-2502
Proceeds benefit St. Paul Youth Ministries

# **SELL-SHOP-SAVE**

Baby, Kids & Junior Clothing Toys - Games - Books -Baby Gear Halloween Costumes - Holiday Outfits



