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Second Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

LIGHTING THE CANDLES: As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME: Blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

No Matter

Musical score for the song "No Matter". The score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes guitar chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 146 from The Message by Eugene Peterson)

Leader: Hallelujah! All our lives long we will praise God, singing songs to our God as long as we live.

People: We look to the God of Jacob for our help. We place our hope in God and know real blessing!

Leader: God made the sky and soil, sea and all the fish.

People: God feeds the hungry and frees the prisoners.

Leader: We worship today because God is in charge: Always!

People: Hallelujah!

HYMN OF PRAISE *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* verses 1 & 3

GOD OF CREATION

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 24

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
2 You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - is - try.
3 God, your will is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to life made new,

mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship, joined in one com-mun - i - ty.
now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre - at - ed in your im - age, would a true re - flec-tion be
When we blur your gra - cious im - age, fo - cus us and make - i - whole,
Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion, fash - ion us with lov - ing care,

of your jus - tice, grace, and mer-cy, and the truth that makes us free.
healed and strength-ened as your peo-ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
thus, new crea - tures in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev - ery-where.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(from The Worship Sourcebook; Faith Alive Christian Resources; 2013)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to break bonds between us and you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God: leap up! Dance! The Spirit is here in healing power. Your sins are forgiven. Rise up in the new life of the Spirit.

People: Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation Class of 2020: Henry John Nelson, Megan Renee Opperman, Clint Ronald Voress, Jay Alan Waterman, Zachary Austin Wiedeman, Hayden Wilson Zeller

QUESTIONS FOR CONFIRMANDS AND CONGREGATION

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? (I do.)

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able? (I promise, with the help of God.)

Do you promise, according to the faith given to you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world? (I promise, with the help of God.)

Will all who are able please stand in support of our confirmands? As the friends and members of St. Paul United Church of Christ let us share our own promises with our confirmands as printed as the response in your bulletin.

Congregational Response: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Let us pray: Almighty God, who in baptism received these servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (You may be seated).

ANTHEM *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Alan Jackson
(YouTube.com; search: Alan Jackson-*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
[with lyrics])

*What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer*

*Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 2:41-52

(from Eugene Peterson's The Message)

Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt. His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ He said, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?” But they had no idea what he was talking about.

⁵¹⁻⁵² So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

RESPONSE:

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: God is still speaking. Thanks be to God!

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS, PARENT/FAMILY BLESSINGS, CONFIRMATION PRAYERS

HENRY JOHN NELSON’S FAITH STATEMENT:

I am Henry J. Nelson. My favorite Bible verses are from Romans 12:15-18. *Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.* This passage is meaningful to me because it tells me how to live in the eyes of God and how I should treat others. This also tells me that God wants us to live in harmony with each other, to be kind to each other.

I believe God is all powerful. He also leads people to be kind and helpful to others. He is love, light, and peace. I believe that Jesus Christ is a healer and a teacher. He died on the cross for us to live. He is 100% God and 100% human. He is divine, but also a human. I believe the Holy Spirit dwells inside and all around us. It urges us toward the right/good. It also gives gifts to everyone so all our gifts will become something even greater.

I believe that the Bible is a guide that helps us believe what God has done for us. Stories to help us in every way. Stories to lean on when times are tough. I believe that church is family. The church is the people not the building to spread the word of God. To help others and support one

another. I consider myself to be a Christian because I believe that Jesus is God's son. I enjoy being kind and helpful to others, without anything in return.

I want to be confirmed to fulfill my parents' promise to raise me in the Christian way of God. Also to be closer to God and Jesus. I intend to continue my Christian journey by going to church and to keep praying to God. I plan on loving people no matter what they look like or what they see me as, but to treat them with the same amount of kindness.

FAMILY BLESSING OF HENRY NELSON

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR HENRY NELSON: Come, Holy Spirit, pour your peace and your joy upon Henry. Remind him each and every day that he is your beloved child. Anchor him with your love. Surround him with your grace. Pour upon Henry the brightness of your morning light as he lives with kindness and mercy toward others. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

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MEGAN RENEE OPPERMAN'S FAITH STATEMENT:

I'll have to be honest with you guys, when I started writing this I had no idea what to talk about. So I started thinking and asking myself who is God to me and well he is a lot of things. For example, he is a friend and someone to talk to because he always has your back no matter what you go through in life. Also God takes care of us when we are hurt and need help or at the lowest point in life he helps us get back up to our highest point in life.

Well then I started asking myself who is Jesus to me and he is many things. He is a role model for one and along with that he is a teacher. He has taught us how you always need to be strong no matter what happens in life. Also he is a family member so that means you can talk to him anytime and he is there for you.

Well after thinking about God and Jesus, I got to thinking more about what is the Holy Spirit to me and what do I believe about the bible as well as church. Well the Holy Spirit is inside of us. I believe that the Holy Spirit

is always encouraging us to make the right decisions and also urging us toward good. The Bible is telling us stories as well as being a guide because the Bible is a way of guiding people to do better in life. For example, it is a road map because in a way it is telling us how we should treat people and tells you your consequences and rewards for doing something. The church to me is a safe place. It is a place where you feel welcome no matter what and I feel that it is one big family no matter where you are from. Also the church to me is a place to help others, support others, and learn from one another.

I consider myself a Christian because I believe that Jesus is God's son and also because I enjoy helping others without anything in return. Finally, I want to be confirmed because I want to extend my belief in God and learn more about him and everything in the Bible. With this I intend to extend my Christian journey by learning more about God and Jesus and the Bible.

My Bible verse I chose was Romans 12, verse 9: *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.* I chose this because it tells you how you shouldn't just love someone to love them, actually love them for who they are. Lastly, I would like to say thank you to Reverend Becky and Pastor Dee for this great opportunity. Also I want to thank all the boys because they made it fun even though I was the only girl. Lastly, I would like to thank my mentor Andrea because she made it really fun and it was a blast having her as my mentor.

FAMILY BLESSING OF MEGAN OPPERMAN

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR MEGAN OPPERMAN: Loving God, Joy-filled Spirit, may your presence pour upon Megan this day and all days. Like the friend she is to others, be her life-long Friend, offering her encouragement, comfort, and challenge. Continue to call Megan to serve by serving others with love. This we pray in the name of Jesus whose arms embrace us with grace everlasting. Amen.

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CLINT RONALD VORESS' FAITH STATEMENT:

My favorite Bible verse is Daniel 2:22. *No matter what circumstances he will be with you.* I like this verse because it shows what God is as a person. He is always following you in your decisions and he is always encouraging you to do anything you can think of doing no matter how big your dream is.

I believe God is a family member that helps you through everything that you are going through and even through different things that have happened in your time of struggle, he will always be with you. Therefore, he is also a healer because he always comforts you in times of grief and when you are in pain.

Jesus gets justice for the unjust no matter if it is a follower of God or not. He is always right no matter if it is what you want to do or not, you should always do as Jesus taught you to do. You should always be doing what he wants all of us to do in everyday life, be inviting, show kindness and as simple as holding a door for somebody.

The Holy Spirit is an inside voice that is urging us to do good no matter what is happening, you should always be doing what God wants us to do. The Holy Spirit is the two people sitting on my shoulders telling me what to do in any situation.

To me the Bible is several answers to several questions that you might have about any subject. It can also be stories that Jesus wants to tell us in the form of his life. These stories are meant for us to learn lessons, much like the fables we were told when we were younger.

The church to me is a home away from home as well as a family I can go to for help anytime I need help. The church is not the church. The people are the church not the building.

I consider myself as a Christian because I can help people without asking anything in return ever. I also want to be a follower of God and continue to follow him in every way I can. I intend to continue my Christian journey through being confirmed and continue to go to church and worship God. I also want to continue to fulfill my parents' promise in raising in the Christian way as they have done for these 14 years.

FAMILY BLESSING OF CLINT VORESS

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR CLINT VORESS: Holy Spirit, Wondrous God, may your Spirit of grace and truth pour upon Clint this day and all days. Just as Clint affirms that Christ is the bringer of justice for all people, may your justice and righteousness shine in Clint's life. Continue to call Clint to a life of joyful service—reaching out to family, friends, and far beyond these walls. This we pray in the name of Jesus who is light and hope and peace. Amen.

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JAY ALAN WATERMAN'S FAITH STATEMENT:

I didn't want to do confirmation. Even up to the first night I was complaining, telling my mom this was stupid, why do I need to do this? I really didn't have a choice because my mom just kept saying, "Yes you are. It will be good for you."

Once in a while I hear this voice, and I have learned sometimes that might be the voice of the Holy Spirit. I think I needed the Holy Spirit to whisper in my ear telling me I needed confirmation. I needed the Holy Spirit motivating me to do better...be better, and to understand what all I have learned by going through confirmation.

When my grandpa died it was the hardest thing I have ever had to go through. I didn't understand. This was a tough time, but I believe God is a healer in tough times. I had to believe God would take care of my grandpa, and believe that God will take care of me.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and teaches me what is good. He died on the cross for our sins and I know I can pray to him to forgive me and guide me to do what is right.

The stories of the Bible can serve as a map to guide me. It can help answer questions or problems I may have.

The church can be a place to feel safe and supported. I also believe we should be more than a Sunday service in church. We should be doing God's will in all we do with or without a church. For example, when I'm playing sports, how I respect my parents, sister, family, teachers, friends, and people I haven't even met yet.

Being a Christian is doing all of these things and more. Showing kindness, being the better person, loving others when I feel they don't deserve it,

and helping others without expecting anything in return.

I want to be confirmed, so I can be a member of the church. I want to continue to learn and understand God's word. I want to be a good leader in how God would want me to lead.

I wanted to end my faith statement with my favorite Bible verse, Philippians 4:13. *For I can do anything through Christ, who gives me strength.* Basketball season was going on during confirmation. I don't know if I ever prayed before a game before, but this year I did. I didn't pray for us to win the game, I just prayed for God to give me strength to do my best as a teammate and as an individual. I know without him I wouldn't have accomplished what I have accomplished.

FAMILY BLESSING OF JAY WATERMAN

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR JAY WATERMAN: Holy Spirit, pour your grace upon Jay on this day of promises renewed. Fill him with your steadfast love that he might praise your name in this holy place and to the nations. Encourage him to continue to ask questions, search for meaning, and serve others with joy. Bring him peace in knowing you are with him from this day forward and forevermore. This we pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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ZACHARY AUSTIN WIEDEMAN'S FAITH STATEMENT:

Hello, my name is Zach Wiedeman. My favorite Bible verses are Psalm 23:3-4. The verse says, *He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for this name sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* This verse is meaningful to me because it shows how God oversees everything we do and helps guide us to do the right things.

I believe God is smart, wise, all-knowing, and the creator of all things. He is always there for us and we can trust him and count on him to be there to listen. God is also very forgiving because he forgives us of our sins. God is always with us.

I believe Jesus Christ is God's son. He sacrificed himself for our sins.

Because he sacrificed himself, I think he is a very kind person who puts other people first. Finally, when we take communion, we are taking the body and blood of Christ.

My beliefs tell me the Holy Spirit is all around us, but not necessarily in human form. The Holy Spirit is always with us wherever we go. It dwells inside us, urges us toward good, and prays on our behalf. We also receive many gifts and talents from the Holy Spirit.

The Bible teaches us about the belief of Christianity. It is a place we can go to learn more about the Lord and find peace, comfort or guidance. It can also challenge us. The Bible is the word of God.

To me, the church is kind of a home away from home. It's a place where people support and help one another. We can go to church and be silent in prayer, or we can go and celebrate life's joyous events. The church sends us out to serve others and spread the word of God. Church is family.

I consider myself to be a Christian because I want to follow God's path. I also believe in everyone being equal and helping others without receiving anything in return. To me, being a Christian is loving each other like we have been loved, and spreading God's word throughout the world.

I want to be confirmed because I want to further my journey in faith and strengthen my relationship with the Lord. I also want to renew my baptismal promises and become a member of the Church. I will continue my Christian journey by attending church and youth group every week and listening to God and what path he has set out for me. I will also spread God's love whether that be in big or small ways.

I want to thank Nolan Bornhorst for being my mentor this year, Pastor Becky and Pastor Dee for helping guide us through our confirmation journey, and my family for always supporting me.

FAMILY BLESSING OF ZACH WIEDEMAN

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR ZACH WIEDEMAN: Come, Holy Spirit, pour your grace upon this child of God as Zach affirms his baptism, as he runs the race you have set before him. Fill Zachary with your love that he might share your loving grace with others. Challenge him to be your

disciple as he continues to walk in your way. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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HAYDEN WILSON ZELLER'S FAITH STATEMENT:

My favorite Bible verse is from Peter 2, chapter 1 verses 5-7. *In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge of self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.* This is my favorite verse and it helps me know God because I know that he will put effort into the things that I will do in life so I must put effort in following the 10 commandments, showing compassion for others, and doing things that God believes is right. This is meaningful to me because I believe that you should put effort into anything you do from small to big. This shows a lot in sports and you always want to put out the best version of yourself.

I believe that God is a person that can teach us and show us what we can do and what is the right thing to do. He can teach us to be trustworthy, loving, caring and not to judge others. He is a creator of all things so we shall respect all things he has created. He can guide us out of bad times and guide us into the right path. He is the healer of us for our mistakes and to help us heal during times of sickness. He is creative and can teach us things in his own way.

I believe that Jesus is a forgiver, healer, and our savior. Jesus taught others how to follow God's word and we can still learn from stories with him. He forgave others for his sins and he would do the same if he was on earth today. He was a selfless person who cared about others more than himself. He sometimes did things that people thought were not the right thing to do. But it helped them realize that they were the ones in the wrong and can learn from what he did and the meaning behind his actions. Jesus helps make us realize death isn't as scary as what we think.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is within every single person and can also

lead us towards what is right. It helps show us our talents and how we can use them the correct way. If we look at something in the wrong way it can guide us back into the right path. Some signs we might not notice but they are there to help make a common decision between right and wrong. One bad move can turn into worse consequences. If we forget to pray, the Holy Spirit will pray on our behalf and help make sure that we are doing and hoping for the right things to happen. The Holy Spirit can be around us in each and every way. We can see the Holy Spirit in nature to people and the gifts around us to the little things in life.

The Bible can play a big part in showing us what it was like to be a Christian and how it is today. This can show Jesus' and God's love for us and how big of a role they can play in our lives. It tells the life of Jesus and how he was a healer and did many things for others and still is. The Bible can help us answer our questions and help us through tough times. I remember reading the children's Bible before bedtime when I was younger. Sometimes I wanted to keep reading more short stories before the lights went out to go to sleep. Every time you read the Bible you can find something new to learn from and help you through different situations.

I consider myself to be a Christian because Jesus is God's son. The church and faith will always be my second family. I will always welcome anyone to our church. I want to do good things in my life and treat others with God's spirit and love. I will forgive others and apologize for the things I have done wrong again and again. I have learned from my family not to judge others and you can't control others what to do. You can help guide them in the right path along with God's help. Christianity also brings peace to my life. I will continue my Christian journey by becoming involved with this church. I can also contribute by giving to the church and to others. I hope I can be a positive role model and helpful toward younger kids.

The church isn't just a building, it is the people who make it. When I am going through a hard time, I know the church will be there for me. And when other people in the church are going through hard times, I will be there for them. Church is my second home because I know this church is my family, too. People in church can share stories of how God and faith has played a part of their lives from big to small. Communicating and

getting to know my mentor has made me feel closer to my church and what it means to be a part of St. Paul's Church. There are many people that have given me support from sports to my religious beliefs. I am looking forward to participating and being a member of the church. I hope I can be the best role model possible, demonstrating my faith and love.

I want to be confirmed at St. Paul's because I feel I have grown as a Christian this past year. My confirmation classes have helped me understand how important it is to have faith in your life. Faith can get me through anything and help me be a stronger person. I know I can come to St. Paul's and always feel welcomed and loved by others.

FAMILY BLESSING OF HAYDEN ZELLER

CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR HAYDEN ZELLER: Loving God, Gentle Jesus, today I call upon the power of your Holy Spirit to enter Hayden today and always. Continue to offer Hayden your good news found in scripture—that it might be a light and lamp to guide him throughout his life. Surround this precious child of God with your grace, your light, and your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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GREETINGS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE: Council Vice President Roland Dicke

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: The story of Noah and the Ark ends with hope and new life. The story of God's care for the living things on that fragile little boat promises that they will "abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." Seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, day and night, God's love has always been abundant, in every age. We are grateful to a generous and loving God for every sign of new life. Let us offer to God our very best: our time, our talents and our treasure!

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Receive these gifts, O God, by this your people gathered and scattered. Use these offerings and use us in the service of Christ Jesus: shedding light into darkened places; seeking justice in oppressive situations; proclaiming the gospel where its gift and freedom are in short supply; tending to the needs in this community for ministry and mission. Bless our confirmands who have confirmed and affirmed their faith in you, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Offer them your guidance for the whole of their lives. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Our newest confirmands and members.

HYMN OF SENDING

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 551

Unison F B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing flame,
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3 As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re - newed,

F B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y - hued.

Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am/C B \flat 2 B \flat

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C7/G F Fmaj7 B \flat B \flat /C Gm7/C F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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BENEDICTION

The world is now too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your love*, changes everything.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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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

As the ushers are dismissing you, let us pass the peace of Christ with each other, while maintaining our 6 ft physical distance. Direct eye contact, loving words, and a warm smile are as meaningful as a traditional handshake or hug.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's altar flowers were to be given in loving memory of Kathy Nevels by Terri and Jim Mullins Family.

Blessing Pantry-is open 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm Monday-Friday and 5:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday's. All Donations Welcome-Thank you!

We have placed a metal can outside the East Educational Building door for donations.

Building Entrance-St. Paul is accessible by the East Educational Building door, Monday-Friday 10:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please ring the doorbell, wait outside the doors so staff may assist you. We are currently taking everyone's temperature, asking you to sanitize hands and shoes. Thank you!

Mailbox-We have installed a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. The box is locked and will be checked often. Thank you!

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky or Pastor Dee Monday-Friday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will be airing on our Facebook page St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

May/June Upper Rooms-have arrived! Please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Thursday Evening Vespers-One of the most difficult parts of the Covid19 pandemic is our inability to gather as a congregation. Yes, many of us log onto Facebook for weekly worship and daily devotions, but the interactions with each other is limited. Thursday's at 6:30pm, Pastors Dee and Becky will host Thursday Evening Vespers. Vespers are traditionally an evening prayer service. We plan to gather via the online site called Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting, you can click on or log onto this website:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78283243697?pwd=cTFzYVIPWjZRZ0dEQUFDT015TlljUT09> *If you would like an email version of this to make

logging on easier, simply email Pastor Becky: berbstrang@stpaulnb.org
Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

Meeting ID: 782 8324 3697 Password: 2mSAg1

The plan is for us to check in with one another, hear scripture, and pray together each week. Any questions? Contact Pastor Becky

Coffee with Pastor Becky-To keep social distancing guidelines, Pastor Becky plans to be at the St. Paul Playground Shelter House on **Mondays June 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Becky will provide the coffee and water (and possibly) homemade snacks. All are welcome!

Worship Schedule for June

June 14. Worship via Facebook Live at 10:15. Our six confirmands will receive the Rite of Confirmation.

June 21. Worship via Facebook Live **AND in person** in our sanctuary at 10:15.

June 28. Worship via Facebook Live **AND in person** in our sanctuary at 10:15.

Becky's Book Club-On Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Becky will host a Zoom Book Club, offering us the opportunity to discuss Kim Michele Richardson's The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek. Copies of this book have been ordered. If you live locally and would like a copy, please contact Pastor Becky and she'll get the book to you. If you do not live locally, please contact Pastor Becky and she'll order a copy to be sent to your home.

Zoom login information: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88216315511?pwd=TjlUWk95SEZ0bIJvYlhhQ0NPRXpFUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 1631 5511 Password: 875813

Contact Pastor Becky if you would like an email version of this invitation to make logging in simpler. All are welcome!

Strengthen the Church-June Monthly Mission

Money donated to Strengthen the Church offering contributes to the continued expansion and revitalization of the United Church of Christ. Fifty percent of your offering stays with the Heartland Conference. (Ohio Conference is now known as Heartland Conference because our conference consists of members from Ohio, West Virginia and Northern Kentucky.) Fifty percent is sent to the national body of the UCC for grants towards new church starts, inspiring youth and young adults into leadership, and equipping pastors for ministry in the 21st century.

Monies received from this mission support seminarians as well as the National Youth Event. 4000 youth ages 14-19 attend this event that centers on faith, leadership, service and social justice. It is held every four years and was to be held at Purdue University this year but alas, because of COVID-19, it has been postponed until the summer of 2021.

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the church offering. The Mission Team.



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Neighbor	Give
Leaders	Renew
Create	Church
Leaders	Youth

E-Giving @ St. Paul
3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048
St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25
(minimum amount is \$5.00))**

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

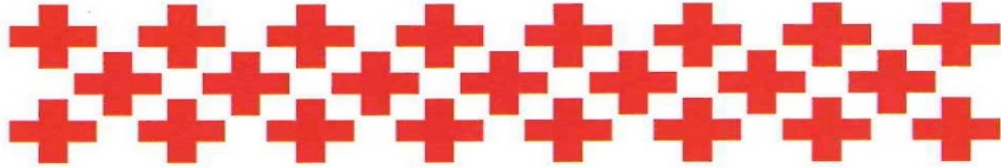
Once a text amount is sent:

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.
Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring
or refund to cancel this donation.

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