

**“GOD DOESN'T STOP THE  
BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING;  
THAT'S NEVER BEEN  
PART OF THE PROMISE.**

**THE PROMISE IS:  
I AM WITH YOU.  
I AM WITH YOU NOW  
UNTIL THE END OF TIME.”**

*~Madeleine L'Engle*

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**Welcome to St. Paul UCC today, we are glad you are here!!**

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

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The \* indicates all who are able may stand

June 28, 2020  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders

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Pastor Dee Schroer  
Cheyenne Olt

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Accompanist/Vocalist

GATHERING MUSIC

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME SONG

*No Matter*

No Matter

*J=120*

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 (adapted from Psalm 84)**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at your altars, O God of hosts, my ruler and God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

**People: Gathered or scattered, we worship you with joy! Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* verses 1, 3 & 5

**84** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.  
be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has given us freedom in Christ Jesus, but often we live as if that makes no difference. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## \*UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN:

**Loving God, we confess that our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways. We often choose what is best for us rather than what is best for others. We weigh our lives on the scale of selfishness and meet an emptiness that robs life of its glory. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us to the place where others matter more and things matter less, where life is valued more than death and you are the one whose life matters most. Living Lord, make us new through the power of the risen one, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: I say to you in the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## \*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.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst text copyright © 1972 by Judith Viorst

*I went to sleep with gum in my mouth and now there's gum in my hair and when I got out of bed this morning I tripped on the skateboard and by mistake I dropped my sweater in the sink while the water was running and I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*At breakfast Anthony found a Corvette Sting Ray car kit in his breakfast cereal box and Nick found a Junior Undercover Agent code*

ring in his breakfast cereal box but in my breakfast cereal box all I found was breakfast cereal.

*I think I'll move to Australia.*

*In the car pool Mrs. Gibson let Becky have a seat by the window. Audrey and Elliott got seats by the window too. I said I was being scrunched. I said I was being smushed. I said, if I don't get a seat by the window I am going to be carsick. No one even answered.*

*I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*At school Mrs. Dickens liked Paul's picture of the sailboat better than my picture of the invisible castle.*

*At singing time she said I sang too loud. At counting time she said I left out sixteen. Who needs sixteen?*

*I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*I could tell because Paul said I wasn't his best friend anymore. He said that Philip Parker was his best friend and that Albert Moyo was his next best friend and that I was only his third best friend.*

*I hope you sit on a tack, I said to Paul. I hope the next time you get a double-decker strawberry ice-cream cone the ice cream part falls off the cone part and lands in Australia.*

*There were two cupcakes in Philip Parker's lunch bag and Albert got a Hershey bar with almonds and Paul's mother gave him a piece of jelly roll that had little coconut sprinkles on the top. Guess whose mother forgot to put in dessert?*

*It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*That's what it was, because after school my mom took us all to the dentist and Dr. Fields found a cavity just in me. Come back next week and I'll fix it, said Dr. Fields.*

*Next week, I said, I'm going to Australia.*

*On the way downstairs the elevator door closed on my foot and while we were waiting for my mom to go get the car Anthony made me fall where it was muddy and then when I started crying because of the mud Nick said I was a crybaby and while I was punching Nick for saying crybaby my mom came back with the car and scolded me for being muddy and fighting.*

*I am having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day, I told everybody. No one even answered.*

*So then we went to the shoestore to buy some sneakers. Anthony chose white ones, with blue stripes. Nick chose red ones with white stripes. I chose blue ones with red stripes but then the shoe man said, We're all sold out. They made me buy plain old white ones, but they can't make me wear them.*

*When we picked up my dad at his office he said I couldn't play with his copying machine, but I forgot. He also said to watch out for the books on his desk, and I was careful as could be except for my elbow. He also said don't fool around with his phone, but I think I called Australia. My dad said please don't pick him up anymore.*

*It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*There were lima beans for dinner and I hate limas.*

*There was kissing on TV and I hate kissing.*

*My bath was too hot, I got soap in my eyes, my marble went down the drain, and I had to wear my railroad-train pajamas.*

*I hate my railroad-train pajamas.*

*When I went to bed Nick took back the pillow he said I could keep and the Mickey Mouse night light burned out and I bit my tongue.*

*The cat wants to sleep with Anthony, not with me.*

*It has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.*

*My mom says some days are like that.*

*Even in Australia.*

PRAYER HYMN      *There Is a Time for Silence*      verses 1, 3 & 5

Biblical texts: Ecclesiastes 3:7: "There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak..."

Isaiah 58: Luke 10:25-37

Tune: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881 ("Beneath the Cross of Jesus")

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6

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Db Dbdim7 Db  $\frac{Db}{F}$   $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$   $\frac{Db}{F}$  Ebm7 Ab7 Db

1 There is a time for si - lence, a time to lis - ten well,  
 3 There's time for hum - ble stu - dy -- for rea - ding and for thought.  
 5 And there's a time to work now -- to bol - dly say their names,

$\frac{F7}{C}$  Bbm  $\frac{F7}{C}$   $\frac{Bbm}{Db}$   $\frac{Bb7}{D}$  Ebm  $\frac{Bbm}{F}$  Gb6 Gb7 F

a time to hear the pain - ful stor - ies o - thers have to tell.  
 God, may we learn from o - thers of the jus - tice they have sought,  
 to pro - test and to or - gan - ize, to ad - vo - cate for change,

Db Db $\frac{4}{2}$  Db Db $\frac{4}{2}$  Db  $\frac{Gb}{Db}$  Db7 Gb  $\frac{Bb}{F}$  Bb Ebm

O God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear,  
 And may we learn from those who brave - ly stand ag - ainst the hate,  
 to use our voi - ces and to stand with those who are o - ppressed.

Ab7  $\frac{Gb}{Ab}$  Ab7 Db  $\frac{Db7}{F}$  Gb  $\frac{Db}{Ab}$   $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$  Ab7 Db

and may we learn from neigh - bors who have long been si - lenced here.  
 So when we're call - ed to jus - tice, we, your church, won't hesi - tate.  
 As we seek jus - tice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.



## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Worshipping via Facebook Live and In Person!!!!

### PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Let us pray. Holy God, we pray for this modern world in which faith comes hard, where people find it difficult to raise their eyes above the material things that are so necessary for life. We pray for those who find it hard to believe because they have too many things, and for those who find it hard because they haven't enough. SILENCE

We pray for those who have more to eat than they need and for those who are dying from lack of food. Challenge us, O God, to feed our neighbors who are hungry. SILENCE

We pray for parents who, because of their poverty and lack of concern on the part of others, must watch their children die. Move us, O God, to be part of the solution to eliminate poverty so that no child must go to bed hungry or die from basic nourishment. SILENCE

We pray for those who suffer from disease, from confusion and guilt, from depression and fear. Remind us again and again, O God, that so many people around us suffer in silence. Open our eyes that we might see their suffering and, in response, offer real hope. SILENCE

We pray for those who are lonely, for whom life is robbed of its beauty and hope. Prod us, O God, to befriend those who are alone. Remind us to love all your children—including our enemies—that all might experience your transformational love and grace. SILENCE

We pray this day for ourselves—for we stumble and fall more often than we would like to admit. We let our prejudices get the best of us. We harden our hearts against others. Offer us your soothing balm. Melt our hardened hearts. Teach us to reach out to those whose lives are vastly different from our own. SILENCE

We offer to you thanksgiving and praise for your presence in our lives as individuals and our lives as this particular Body of Christ. Continue to pour your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed once again by the gentleness of your wind. SILENCE

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.

ANTHEM

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

(YouTube.com; search: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* - 7-Year-Old  
Claire Crosby)

*I know that my Redeemer lives.  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead.  
He lives, my ever-living Head.  
He lives to bless me with his love.  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed.  
He lives to bless in time of need.*

*He lives, my kind, wise heav'nly Friend.  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing.  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.  
He lives to silence all my fears.  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart.  
He lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives! All glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same.  
Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"  
He lives! All glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same.  
Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 31:35-40 (NRSV)

O that I had one to hear me!  
(Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!)  
O that I had the indictment written by my adversary!  
<sup>36</sup> Surely I would carry it on my shoulder;  
I would bind it on me like a crown;  
<sup>37</sup> I would give him an account of all my steps;  
like a prince I would approach him.  
“If my land has cried out against me,  
and its furrows have wept together;  
<sup>39</sup> if I have eaten its yield without payment,  
and caused the death of its owners;  
<sup>40</sup> let thorns grow instead of wheat,  
and foul weeds instead of barley.”  
The words of Job are ended.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 38:1-15 (NRSV)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

<sup>12</sup> *“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,*

<sup>13</sup> *so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?*

<sup>14</sup> *It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and it is dyed like a garment.*

<sup>15</sup> *Light is withheld from the wicked,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.*

## RESPONSE

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

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

## SERMON AND SCRIPTURES: JOB

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

We are in week four of a five-week series on the book of Job. Knowing that Pastor Dee had the kick-off to the series, weeks ago I very carefully outlined the remaining scripture lessons, noting the direction I thought each week’s sermon would go.

Until I read the commentaries. Today’s lessons are ones that are not quite what they seem, thus changing the direction of today’s sermon.

First a random bit of trivia I couldn’t help but share. We hear at the very beginning of the book of Job that Job was from Uz. Thousands of years later, when the Wizard of Oz was being translated into languages throughout the world, modern Hebrew readers of Frank Baum’s classic is called NOT the Wizard of Oz, but the Wizard of Uz—harkening to homeland of Job. Like I said: just trivia, but a lot of fun.

In our first reading today, Job argues his case one last time, stating clearly that he is without guilt and will proudly continue to say so. What we then skip in Job between chapters 31 and 38 are Job’s friends speaking again. In fact, it is Job’s friend, Elihu who is the last to speak in chapter 37, that leads directly into our second scripture lesson.

And this is where commentaries argue against what seems to be a cut-and-dry passage in chapter 38. Chapter 38 begins by stating that God spoke to Job out of a whirlwind.

And yet. And yet, scholars generally believe that chapter 38 is God speaking NOT to Job but to all of Job’s friends who have shown up: first

to console him and then later to condemn him for his lack of faithfulness. This is why scholars believe this: God knew Job was blameless. The friends were not. Chapter 38's telling of God blasting Job makes more literary sense if God is speaking not to Job but to his friends.

Another reason scholars believe this is the wording in the Hebrew for whirlwind. In the Old Testament, that same Hebrew word is used to describe God taking Elijah up to heaven in 2 Kings. However, all the other Old Testament uses of that specific Hebrew word reference God's anger. (See Isaiah 29:6, Jeremiah 23:19, Jeremiah 30:23 and Zechariah 9:14). Clearly God is not speaking to a righteous and blameless man. He is speaking to the "friends" who, as we know, haven't been helpful at all.

And what does God say in chapter 38? He basically says, "Who are you to think you know it all? Were you around at the moment of creation? Do you command the sun and the stars? Do you really believe that you are in charge?"

What's more: God blasts the friends using both masculine and feminine language. In verses 8-9, God speaks of giving birth and swaddling the sea, clouds, and darkness. In verses 10-11, he is a parent setting limits and protecting his children.

In chapter 38 of Job, God asserts who he is: a mystery beyond anything our puny little human brains can imagine. And that is important for the book of Job and for each of us in this particular place and time. In the midst of a global pandemic, in the midst of racial protests, in the midst of an uncertain economic future, God reminds Job's friends (and us!!!) that he cannot be distilled down to a few trite bits of outworn wisdom.

Job, who had been stripped of his children, his possessions and his health, was suffering—deeply suffering—and his friends offered him only empty phrases that could not take away his pain.

And what topic did Job's friends miss the mark on? Suffering. Deep, powerful, life-altering suffering. And believe me, I get that suffering makes us uncomfortable. When a friend or loved one suffers, we often try to brush it off or redirect the conversation. When it is we who are suffering, we simply want it to end—seeking easy answers of the self-help industry.

The book of Job chronicles the path of human suffering. At first, suffering (of ourselves or others) outrages us—like it outraged Job. And yet, even in the depths of his despair, Job never cursed God. He cried

out to God, he raged at God, but he never cursed God. Job reminds us that God can handle our anger, can handle our outrage.

The entire book of Job is about suffering: Job's suffering, the suffering of our loved ones, our own suffering. And what is particularly important to note is that the book of Job does not explain away suffering. It is left as a mystery, as unexplainable as God him or herself.

The book of Job serves as witness to the dignity of suffering. Yes, the dignity. I have an example for you about dignity of suffering. Years ago, when a friend of mine named Kathy was dying at Hospice of Dayton, she insisted that she see the face of her caregivers and know their names. Kathy, in her suffering, insisted upon dignity of self—even as facing death. Kathy was in enough pain that the nurses were intent on relieving the pain. Kathy insisted they treat HER, not the pain.

But more than dignity in suffering, the book of Job is a reminder that suffering is as mysterious as God is. We cannot explain suffering NOR God away. Job's friends, when they spoke to him, spoke the truth, technically. What they were missing was relationship, intimacy, and humanity.

Yes: As you heard last week, Job's three friends sat with him in silence for seven days and nights. THAT is getting it right. But they ultimately couldn't stand the silence and filled the void by telling Job that he must have done something wrong to deserve such suffering. And this is where his friends fell flat—NO ONE deserves to suffer. And yet, in our lifetimes, each of us WILL suffer to varying degrees. Suffering is part of the human condition. God, God Almighty, Yahweh, does not smite us to teach us a lesson or because we perhaps deserve it. Quite the opposite, God, who birthed in her womb the universe will love you and care for you and call you his own.

When I traveled to Kenya, I learned this phrase: God is good all the time! All the time, God is good for that is God's nature!

What Job needed most was relationship and connection and love. What he got from his friends was condemnation.

Which brings us back to here and now. How do we connect to a loved one who is suffering? What are we to say? What are we to do? Eugene Peterson—who has given us the gift of the Bible rewritten in modern-day terms—has some thoughts about this:

1. No matter how insightful we may be, we don't REALLY understand the full nature of our friends' problems and suffering
2. Our friends may not want our advice
3. And then the irony: people who are deeply committed to loving and following God, often suffering not less, but more because we are taking on the hurts of the world. And yet, in the midst of suffering, God is with us, transforming, deepening and marking our lives with beauty and holiness in ways we could not have begun to imagine before we suffered.

So the bottom line? When a friend or loved one suffers, what you say will probably not be helpful. That you stay with them through the suffering will be transformational. That you love them, hold them, and abide with them will make all the difference in the world.

I would venture to say that the same could be said about societal suffering. We, who are white, cannot know the suffering of our black and brown brothers and sisters due to systemic racism. But we can abide with them. We can sit with them. We can listen deeply. We can love them by being part of the solution to end racism.

We, who do not worry about where our next meal is coming from, cannot know the suffering of our neighbors who are chronically hungry. We just can't. But we can abide with them. We can sit with them. We can listen deeply. We can love them by being part of the solution by offering food and a just society in which no one is hungry.

We, who have not had a catastrophic illness, cannot know the suffering of our friends and loved ones who have. But we can abide with them. We can sit with them. We can listen deeply. We can love them by wearing masks, disinfecting our hands, and offering jazz hands rather than hugs.

Pitying someone or a situation's suffering does not a whit of good. Pity gives us the upper hand. Job reminds us that we need to listen and learn from those who suffer—and if, necessary, join them in protest much like Job protested his lot to God. Shared suffering offers dignity and transformation.

No, we cannot know and understand another's suffering any more than we can understand God. The book of Job is a powerful witness to the mystery of suffering and the mystery of God. We do not need to have

all the answers (about suffering or God), but we can listen, love and allow holy silence to envelop us that we might hear the good news that comes to us in a whirlwind, in a cry, in laughter, and in love. Amen.

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: Jesus felt tender compassion for the suffering people he met. He realized that many workers would be needed for a great harvest of mercy and love. This day you and I are called to this work for the kingdom of God. This very day you and I are called to a sweet labor of generosity, healing, and peace. Let us bring our gifts, then, so that the ministry of this church will be a growing, vibrant witness to God's love. You are encouraged to send your tithes and offerings to St. Paul using the envelope in your worship packet or to leave your offering in the offering plate on the round tables in the sanctuary.

### \*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 (unison)

**Lord, forgive our fears that stifle our stewardship. Forgive our giving in and our giving up instead of giving ourselves to Christ's mission of love. Remind us that our hope is in standing up and risking. Help us remember, O God, that the stewardship question is not really, "How much will we give?" The stewardship question is, "How will we spend what we have been given?" We pray it will be faithfully and cheerfully. Amen.**

## HYMN OF SENDING

*Here I Am Lord*



# Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*  
G Am D7 C  
G G G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7 D D G Am D7  
G G F# C G G G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,  
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

G C G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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Refrain

D7  
F#

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 Word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

*a tempo*

G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7

G Am G/B C6 D D/F# D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G C/G G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G C/G G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

\*BENEDICTION: Friends, go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good and 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*  
*Pass the Love*

*J=95*

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

Let us share in the joy of the Lord by passing the Peace of Christ with one another.

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

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Shirley Schaefer by Dale, Brenda, Donna and Families.

**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.

**Ushers Needed-**Myra Hanenkratt, our Senior Deacon, is still seeking ushers for in-person worship. If this is something you are willing to do, please contact her.

**July/August Upper Rooms-**have arrived! They are available at the East entrance to the education building and on Sunday's in the Sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

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

### **Worship Schedule for June and July**

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

**Sunday's in July**-we will be worshipping via Facebook Live and in person in our sanctuary at 10:15.

**Thursday July 2nd is July 5<sup>th</sup> Communion Pick up from 5:30pm-6:30pm** Herman St. side of the building. If you are unable to get out, but would still like communion, please contact the church office (419-629-2502) and we'll do our best to arrange delivery to your home.

**Office Closed**-The Church Office and Blessing Pantry will be closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**Thursday Evening Vespers**-Thursday's at 6:30pm, Pastors Dee and Becky will host Thursday Evening Vespers. Vespers are traditionally an evening prayer service. We gather via the online site called Zoom. **Beginning June 25 through August 6**, to join the Zoom meeting, you can click on or log onto this website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89695161435?pwd=NEswVE5tZGhOd3YzS3ZJV25TeVk1dz09>

\*If you would like an email version of this to make logging on easier, simply email Pastor Becky: [berbstrang@stpaulnb.org](mailto:berbstrang@stpaulnb.org)

Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

**Meeting ID: 896 9516 1435 Password: 407351**

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

**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=TjlUWk95SEZ0blJvYlhhQ0NPRXpFUT09>

**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!

**Birthday Celebration-**Lois Moeller celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Her kids were unable to celebrate in person with her and would like her to receive 95 cards is possible. Their theory is you should celebrate your birthday for the number of days equal to the number of years you are on your birthday. You have until September 19<sup>th</sup> to send her a card. Lois Moeller, %Elmwood, 711 S Walnut St, New Bremen, OH 45869

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://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.