

**“God has given  
you a  
beautiful self.  
There God dwells  
and loves you with  
the first love,  
which precedes  
all human love.”** - Henri Nouwen

H E N R I N O U W E N . O R G

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

This is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator. May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-**Covid-19 is a respiratory illness that causes flu-like symptoms including fever, vomiting and difficulty breathing. Good hygiene helps prevent the spread not only of coronavirus but also of colds and flu! **Stay home if you are sick.** Sneeze/cough into the crook of your elbow or a tissue, not your hand. **Wash immediately or use hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.** Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes. Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship, began July 23. Masks are essential to halting the spread of the virus. Thank You for cooperating.

### **IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:**

Masks, Bulletins and Offering Plates are available on round tables.

Please fill out worship cards located in the pews and place in offering plate as you exit. It is very important these cards are filled out by everyone who is here in case we need to contact you. Thank you!!!!

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 Packets containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Please take the whole packet home with you. Thank you!

WIFI Connection-connect via “St Paul – Guest”

The \* indicates all who are able may stand

**August 2, 2020**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Pastor Dee Schroer

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The Congregation

Senior Pastor

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Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

**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**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION: Camp Washington**

Camp Washington council member Laurel Hume informed the mission team by email that the summer program at Camp Washington was cancelled this year due to the pandemic. Because of this, our mission of providing gifts of school clothes will not take place due to the inability to get sizes for the children. The Mission Team has chosen instead to make a financial contribution that will be used by Camp Washington for back-to-school needs for the students. Please help us support this worthy cause and enable these students to return to school with the necessary supplies that contribute to a successful school year. Your continued support of the Monthly Missions is greatly appreciated. Thank you! The Mission Team

## \*WELCOME SONG

## No Matter

### No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

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 Chalice Worship; Chalice Press, 1997)

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord.

**People: Let us make a huge loaf of bread and let us bring abundant wine, as at the wedding in Cana.**

Leader: Let the women not forget the salt. Let the men bring along the yeast.

**People: Let many guests come, the lame, the blind, the poor.**

Leader: Come quickly. Let us follow the recipe of the Lord.

**People: All of us, let us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us joyfully see how the bread grows.**


Leader: Because today we celebrate the meeting with the Lord.

**People: Today we renew our commitment to the Kingdom. Nobody will stay hungry. Let us worship and be nourished by love!**

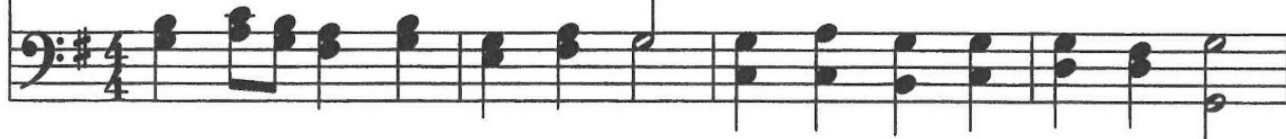
## For the Beauty of the Earth

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




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;



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



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,



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



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



## \*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

### UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

**When we lose patience, when we are unkind, when we are envious, when we are rude or proud, when we are selfish or irritable, and when we will not forgive: have mercy on us, O God. Help us not to delight in evil, but to rejoice in the truth. Help us always to protect, to trust, to hope and to persevere: then shall we see you face-to-face, and learn to love as you love us. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Through Jesus we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of 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:

This is our fifth week in Children's Moments searching for beauty. If you look in your pews and in your worship packets, you should have received a small square of reflective paper.

When you look at the reflective paper, what do you see? (Yourself!) Do you know how beautiful you really are? No matter how unique or different you are from everyone else, you are exactly who you are supposed to be and God calls you, "Beautiful!" You don't have to try to be beautiful. You just are!!!

This week, if you are a child get permission first and if you are an adult give yourself permission to draw a heart on your bathroom mirror so that every time you wash your hands or brush your teeth you see your face framed by a heart—a reminder of how much you are loved by God.

And I have an even harder assignment for this week: whenever you see anyone this week (at home, in the store, at work, in the park, at the pool, at the fair), look at them as if they have a heart around them—because like you, they are loved and beloved by God!

Let us pray. God of goodness, thank you for creating us and for making us beautiful and loved. Help us let others know they are beautiful and loved too. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN      *When Our Confidence Is Shaken*      verses 1 & 4

FAITH & HOPE

413 *When Our Confidence Is Shaken*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 When our con - fi - dence is shak - en in be - liefs we  
 2 So - lar sys - tems, void of mean - ing, freeze the spir - it  
 3 In the dis - ci - pline of pray - ing, when it's hard - est  
 4 God is love, and thus re - deems us in the Christ we

thought se - cure, when the spir - it in its sick - ness seeks but  
 in - to stone; al - ways our re - search - es lead us to the  
 to be - lieve; in the drudg - er - y of car - ing, when it's  
 cru - ci - fy; this is God's e - ter - nal an - swer to the

can - not find a cure, God is ac - tive in the ten - sions  
 ul - ti - mate un - known. Faith must die, or come full cir - cle  
 not e - nough to grieve; faith, ma - tur - ing, learns ac - cep - tance  
 world's e - ter - nal why. May we in this faith ma - tur - ing

of a faith not yet ma - ture, of a faith not yet ma - ture.  
 to its source in God a - lone, to its source in God a - lone.  
 of the in - sights we re - ceive, of the in - sights we re - ceive.  
 be con - tent to live and die, be con - tent to live and die!

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Worshipping together!

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for those who need our prayers.

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

Let us pray. Creator God, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we commend all your people in great need to your tender care and safekeeping. SILENCE

Protect all who toil in mines, tend machinery, or travel by land, sea or air. And defend those who are in mortal danger because of evil surroundings. Fill with your spirit of love and healing every hospital and nursing home, that those whom accident has injured or disease attacked may be treated with skill and compassion and be restored to health and strength. SILENCE

Govern our nation and its leaders, that diverse religions may be upheld, laws justly administered, and human rights maintained. Abolish all that mars our social life and causes misery, that everyone may have work and food, health and happiness. SILENCE

God of peace, break down the suspicion and fear that keep the nations apart. Rebuke those who foster racial prejudice. And teach us all, through obedience to Christ, to live together in peace. SILENCE

Fill with your Holy Spirit, O God, every member of your church. Grant us the faith that removes mountains of difficulty, the hope that makes all things new, and the love that works miracles of healing and deliverance. Then may we more effectively serve you, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth. SILENCE

Hear our prayer, O God, incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. 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

*A Shovel is a Prayer*

Carrie Newcomer

(YouTube Search: Carrie Newcomer *A Shovel is a Prayer* (Live))

*A shovel is prayer to a farmer's foot  
When he steps down and the soft earth gives way.  
A baby is a prayer when its finally asleep,  
A whispered, "Amen" at the end of the day.*

*And a friend is prayer when they bring over soup  
When they laugh at your jokes and they don't ask for proof.  
It's a song that you sing when you are alone  
When you're weary or lonely or that far from home.*

*For all your searching, there's nothing to do:  
What you've been looking for is looking for you.*

*I'm the prodigal daughter; you're the dissonant son.  
We've been washed in rainwater; we're the fortunate ones.  
On the other side of midnight just before the dawn  
You can feel it coming up when the long night is done.*

*It's as heavy as grief and it's weightless as smoke.  
It's the dream you forgot; it's the letter you wrote.  
It's the first birds of morning that sound like a hymn:  
Throw open the windows and let the light in.*

*I'm a wayfaring stranger; you're Indiana Jones.  
We are Gracie and George; we're Watson and Holmes.  
The air is filled with angels; there's no devil to outrun.  
Just sigh and kiss the ground when the long night is done.*

*It's a collar turned up; a kiss on the forehead;  
A string and two cans; it's the last thing you said.  
It's a hunch that you follow; a light in the dark.  
And idiot check; it's a balm for your heart.*

*For all your searching there's nothing to do.  
What you've been looking for is looking for you.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 (NRSV)

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— <sup>3</sup> if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

*<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.*

*<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his*

*appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## RESPONSE

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

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

## SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

As we continue to explore 2 Corinthians as part of our summer worship series, I invite you to look back briefly at last week's text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. In it, Paul talked about two kinds of beauty—the beauty of God's glory revealed in our lives and the beauty of the treasures God places in our clay jars/our human lives. 2 Corinthians 4 ended with these words: <sup>16</sup> *So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.*

Today's reading from 2 Corinthians 5 picks up right where we left off last week, but Paul's language has shifted. Instead of speaking of our lives as clay jars, Paul speaks about our lives, our bodies, our earthly existence as living in tents—temporary dwellings that can be moved about. (Remember: some scholars believe that Paul was a tentmaker by trade. So it should come as no surprise that Paul speaks of earthly life as living in tents).

From the very beginning of today's reading, Paul makes it very clear that tent dwelling is not necessarily a bad thing—it's just a human thing. While we are on earth, we experience the kingdom of God here and now in little bursts of light and love and grace. These earthly glimpses of heaven are what keep us going, a reminder that God is ultimately in charge.

For Christians this is of key importance no matter what century you might have read this letter. Around the same time Paul was traveling around the Mediterranean, Gnosticism was a fledgling movement among

some Jews and Christians. Gnosticism was and is the belief that what is physical/earthly is sinful and evil and that which is spiritual is good and righteous. Gnosticism seeks to demarcate between that which of the earth (bad) and that which is of heaven (good).

The Apostle Paul was having none of that. In today's reading Paul celebrates the value of the human body—for all its flaws and frailties. We know this to be true: our Christian faith is deeply incarnational. We celebrate that God comes to us in a tiny baby placed in a cow's feedbox. We celebrate that God knows our human suffering because he suffered through Jesus on the cross. For Paul, our very humanity is sacred because it ties us closely to God through Christ Jesus.

But let's be honest. We rarely celebrate our bodies as something sacred. More often than not we look at our physical bodies with annoyance at best and revulsion at worst. We see ourselves as too thin, too fat, too short, too tall, too young, too old—never good enough. And if we keep being honest, we not only see ourselves in this way, but we categorize (and judge) others by bodily appearance.

The good news is that is not God's way. Our human bodies are sacred and holy no matter our shape, color or size. Our bodies are temples and sanctuaries in which the Holy Spirit resides. Our bodies are objects of wonder, beauty and grace. Let me say that again: Our bodies are objects of wonder, beauty and grace. Perhaps this coming week we need to repeat that sentence every time we look in the mirror, every time we want to curse our creaky knees, every time we decide to eat that second donut.

We are called to celebrate the physicality of life on earth. We are challenged to put all of our senses to work. Today, we baked bread in the sanctuary so you could smell the richness of the bread as we prepare to share in the sacrament of communion. The elements we will receive in a few minutes are physical and real—God renders that which we can touch, taste, see and hear as holy.

From the very beginning, we were created in God's image—and that alone makes our bodies holy. Paul saw himself as carrying within himself the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are called to do the same.

But that's not the final word. Paul keeps expanding his thoughts in today's reading by reminding the Corinthian believers that because of Jesus' resurrection, we have died to our old lives and been made new.

No matter the condition of our bodies OR our lives, Paul tells the Corinthians that they are being renewed inside day-by-day. As I said a moment ago, our precious and beloved bodies house the Holy Spirit. With every breath we take, the Spirit is working within us to create newness and wholeness. This newness of life is expressed most clearly in Paul's letter to the Christians of Galatia when he declared that the Spirit gifts us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (See Galatians 5:22).

These gifts/these fruit of the Spirit are what we experience when we get out of our own way to allow the Spirit to shine her glory in us and through us. Newness of life is that complicated and that simple. Each and every day we are given the gift to start anew. You are not bound by your past. You no longer need to be tied to your high school persona. You are more than the sum of what has happened to you. Because Jesus lives in you by way of the Holy Spirit, each day is a brand new day to choose love and forgiveness and peace and hope.

Even science tells us this is true. Every cell in the human body dies and is regenerated/made new over the course of seven to ten years. You are quite literally not the same person you were a decade ago. And because of Jesus' love for you, you are not the same person you were even yesterday.

Two weeks ago Tatum Temple preached about forgiveness. She led us through a guided meditation of standing with Jesus on the edge of a river as we tossed the stones that we held tightly to as grudges and judgment and unforgiveness. Today, I'm asking you to do much the same: to let go of the person you were last year, last week, yesterday. Jesus loves you and forgives you beyond measure. Let your past be baptized in the waters of life so that you rise up as a new creation. Start your new life right here. Right now. Amen

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERING INVITATION:** We live in an "already-but-not-yet" time. We look around and see the healthy green crops of justice and peace

struggling to grow, mixed in with the weeds of violence and suffering and fear. We wait like the farmer for the bountiful harvest of God's reign, and in the meantime, we are working hard to nurture every little green shoot of hope. These gifts today are one way we tend the garden, this beautiful green garden of God, staking our hope on the future yield promised by God. Let us give generously for the building up of God's kingdom.

**\*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)**

**With gratitude and praise we offer ourselves to you, O God, with the talents and treasure you have given to us. We offer ourselves to you, O God, to be your messengers to let people know that you are with them, to save them from despair and give them hope, to save them from fear and give them confidence, to save them from death and give them life. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our living and loving Lord. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**Leader: Let us come to Christ's table of grace not because we must, but because we may.**

**People: Let us sit together in humility and thanksgiving rather than in pride and possessiveness.**

**Leader: Let us confess, not that we are righteous, but that we love our Lord Jesus Christ and desire to remember him.**

**People: Let us come, not that we are strong, but that we are needy; not that we have any claim on Christ, but that he invites us to receive his grace and experience his presence.**

**Leader: Let us worthily partake, that he may be made known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER (unison) Creator God, we bless you for making all things and for pronouncing them good. We thank you that when we have misused your gifts, you have not left us alone, but sought us out in Jesus Christ. The bread which we break and**

**the cup which we drink reminds us that Christ, though crucified, lives. By the gift of your Holy Spirit make Christ known again to us that we may take fresh hope and live in his presence each day. Amen.**

Leader: The bread of heaven, broken for you. Take and eat.

Leader: The cup of blessing, poured out for you. Take and drink.

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison) Everlasting God, we join with your church in all times and places to thank you for creating us in your image, caring for us who are only human. When we marred your image through sin, you mercifully did not hold it against us, but gave us yourself sacrificially in Christ Jesus that we may become like him. Formed into the body of Christ we praise you for restoring us to the joy of your salvation. Nourished by holy food and drink from Christ's table, strengthen us by your Spirit to present ourselves to the world as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING**

*If I Have Two Coats*

# If I Have Two Coats

1 If I have two coats, God calls me to share;  
 2 If I have some bread— and soup, all the more—  
 3 If mon - ey is mine, God calls me to live  
 4 O God of great truth, John's call to o - bey

there's some - one near - by with no coat to wear.  
 I'm called to reach out to some - one who's poor.  
 as some - one who loves to gen - erous - ly give.  
 pre - pared us for Christ, who shows us your Way.

And if I don't know who that per - son might be,  
 And if I don't know who that per - son might be,  
 And if I don't know some - one suff - ering near me,  
 May we have the cour - age to try some - thing new,

it's to a new friend - ship that God's call - ing me.  
 it's to a new tab - le that God's call - ing me.  
 it's to a new neigh - bor that God's call - ing me.  
 to reach to new neigh - bors and so wel - come you.

Biblical Reference: Luke 3:7-18

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); arr. William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies* (London: 1815)

Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim")

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\*BENEDICTION: May our Lord Jesus Christ be near to defend you, within to refresh you, around to preserve you, beneath to support you, before to guide you, above to bless you. May he give health. May he give wholeness. May he give peace. 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.

\*RECESSIONAL

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Johann Klein by the Klein and Willrath Families.

**Attendance**-Online-Daily Devotions Avg.-88, July 19-Sunday Worship Online-416, In Person-50

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

There is 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**-There is 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 or the church office.

**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.

## **Worship Schedule for August**

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

**Coffee with Pastor Becky**-Monday's from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. at NB Coffee Co. All are Welcome!!!!

**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. **Now through August 6**, to join the Zoom meeting, you can click on or log onto this website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89695161435?pwd=NEswVE5tZGhOd3YzS3ZJV25TeVlkdz09> Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

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

\*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)

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

**August Book Club** is August 23 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss Kate DiCamillo's amazing children's novel The Magician's Elephant. Copies of the book can be picked up at the church office or you can contact the church office if you need a copy sent or delivered to you. All are welcome. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on or logging onto:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81502752298?pwd=MlVqR3oxNmQ4NC9Zajl4cXRKUWpldz09> Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

**Meeting ID: 815 0275 2298 Password: 359234**

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**Disaster Relief Buckets**-Northwest Ohio Association collects and stores Disaster Relief Buckets that are ready to go when disaster strikes a community. The Mission Team encourages you to pick up an empty bucket following worship or during weekday office hours. If you would like to have an empty bucket delivered to your house, please contact John Gilberg. Filled buckets need to be returned to church by mid-August.

**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.