

## Getting to Know You

You are invited to sign-up for a small group **Meet & Greet** gathering with Pastor Beckie in the Durham Room (or outside, weather permitting). Reservations are required, as groups will be kept to a maximum of eight persons. During the gathering you will be asked about St Paul's and you.

And, you will have an opportunity to ask questions of Pastor Beckie as well. Let's get acquainted and explore where God is leading us together! Gatherings will last no longer than 90 minutes and there are only 3 left.

## Updated Safety Protocols:

- \***Everyone must wear masks the building.** Please cover your mouth and nose at all times.
- \*Two seating options: **Safely Distanced**, for those needing more space such as unvaccinated and family; and **Sit Where You Like**, for those no longer requiring distancing such as fully vaccinated.
- \*Everyone may sing hymns softly with masks (not at full voice just yet).
- \*Exiting: Ushers will guide worshipers; Socially Distanced will leave first, then Sit Where You Like.
- \*Fellowship Time on the Playground! Enjoy the playground for chatting with members and visitors. Unvaccinated need to wear masks, unless sipping.

Thank you for keeping one another safe & for loving your neighbor!

## Church Office Hours

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday through Thursday**

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Please call ahead if you plan to visit the church in person.

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*"St. Paul's is a compassionate community led and transformed by the Spirit."*





**St. Paul's  
United Methodist Church  
August 8, 2021 - 10:30 AM Service  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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*We welcome you, trusting that this time of worship will open our hearts to experience the Spirit's movement among us. Together, we seek peace, health, and wholeness as we gather in God's presence.*  
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*\*Indicates a standing portion of the service. Please stand as you are able.*

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*The Prayer of Jesus  
"Deliver Us"*

**Gathering as The Beloved Community**

**Gathering Music** "Abide With Me/Chopin Etude Op. 10 No.3" Elena Nezhdanova

**Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Beckie Sweet

**\*Sharing Love and Peace with All**

**Centering Music** Elena Nezhdanova

**\*Call to Worship**

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth,

**For God is found among us.**

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

**God is here among us.**

Come, let us worship the God of Creation,

the God of People, the God of Community.

**Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.**

**Let us worship together in faith.**

**\*Singing Together** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 127

**Opening Prayer**

**God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus.**

**Encountering God Through the Word**

**Scripture Readings** **Matthew 6:9-15** (Common English Bible) Danny Scott

<sup>9</sup> Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.

<sup>10</sup> Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us the bread we need for today.

<sup>12</sup> Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,  
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

<sup>13</sup> And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> "If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

<sup>15</sup> But if you don't forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

**Psalm 121** (*paraphrase by Nan C. Merrill*)

My heart's eyes behold your Divine Glory!

From whence does my help come?

My help comes from You, who created heaven and earth.

You strengthen and uphold me, You, who are ever by my side.

Behold! You who watch over the nations will see all hearts Awaken to the Light.

For You are the Great Counselor; You dwell within all hearts,  
that we might respond to the Universal Heart –

Like the sun, that nourishes us by day, like the stars that guide the wayfarer at night.

In You we shall not be afraid of the darkness, for You are the Light of our life.

May You keep us in our going out and our coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

**A Message for All God's Children (Children's Time)**

**Special Music**

"Maiden Voyage"

Molly MacMillan

**Message**

"Deliver Us"

**Responding with Joy and Generosity**

**\*Hymn of Response**

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

FWS #2190

**Prayers of the People**

Nancy Potter

**The Lord's Prayer**

Francis Macnab in "The Historical Jesus Goes to Church"

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star,  
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the  
sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as  
you have made us, we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with  
other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your  
creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all  
its majesty and beauty. Amen.**

**Offering our Gifts to God**

Offertory

“Elegie”

Elena Nezhdanova

\*Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

# 94

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of provision and care, we bring these gifts in gratitude for the many times and many ways that you have delivered us. May these gifts be used to deliver us again that we may extend your care to those in need. May the ministry of love enabled by this offering bring each to their created best. And may our desire to serve you grow in urgency this day. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Serve and to Bless**

\*Closing Hymn

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

# 540

\*Dismissal with Blessing

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Postlude

“Sing To God”

Elena Nezhdanova

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For **Prayer Chain Requests**, confidential concerns seen only by those who participate in the Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Beckie at [pastor@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org).

**Prayer Requests:** A.J. Sapp; Ann Mathews; Ann Shumate (friends of Nancy Potter); Anya Kyong; Ardie Bennett; Bob McCune; David McElrath; Eliesha Lovell (Nancy and Jeff Lovell's daughter); Gina Bakota (Teresa Yatsko's sister); Jackie Warren; John Salzman (LaVerne Snyder's friend); Katherine Herrala (LaVerne Snyder's aunt); Kathleen Jacklin; LaVerne Snyder; Margaret, Kate and John Malarney (friends of Anne Horst); Mary Boardman; Matthew Boardman (Mary Boardman's son); Marilynn Peterson (Lynn Martin's mother); Nelson Reppert; Randy Hausner; Raymond Snyder (LaVerne's uncle); Robert Deming (Melissa Gould's nephew); and Shirley Snyder (LaVerne's mother).

Pray for healing within the United Methodist Church, especially for those who are excluded because of sexual orientation and gender identification.

**For Your Reflection**

We faith-fully ask God to deliver us from evil and temptation. Yet, we gloss over evil and temptation as the problems of others. In what ways have evil and temptation held a grip on your life? How is God trying to deliver you?



**New Worship Series: “Summer Psalms” Aug 15 - Sept 5**

For the next four weeks our worship will focus on a few of the Psalms of Joy. Worshipping with devotion for the God of our creation and provision, we will explore psalms of Praise, Joy, Gratitude, and Glory.