

Updated Safety Protocols:

***Everyone must wear masks inside the building.**

Please cover your mouth and nose at all times.

*Two seating options: **Safely Distanced**, for the unvaccinated and those needing more space such as family; and **Sit Where You Like**, for the fully vaccinated and those no longer in need of distancing.

*Everyone may sing hymns softly with masks (not at full voice just yet).

*Exiting: Hospitality Ministers 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!

Cornell GCF Ice Cream Social for graduate students and young professionals from Ithaca on 8/30.
Contact Vivian at hz524@cornell.edu or Sara Beth at sbl84@cornell.edu for details as they finalize.

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 A Reconciling Congregation

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**St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
August 22, 2021 - 10:30 AM Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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.*

*The Prayer of Jesus
"How Can I Keep from Praising"*

Gathering as The Beloved Community

Gathering Music

Caleb Bates

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Beckie Sweet

***Sharing Love and Peace with All**

Centering Music

***Call to Worship** (*hymn lyrics by Carol Browning*)

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Teach us to number our days aright that we may have wisdom of heart.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, we will sing for joy all our days.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

***Singing Together**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Opening Prayer

Encountering God Through the Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 84:1-7 (*paraphrase by Nan C. Merrill*)

Karen Kaufmann

How glorious is your dwelling place, O Blessed Architect of the universe!

My soul longs, yes, aches for the abode of the Beloved;

All that is within me sings for joy to the living Heart of Love!

Even as the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nesting place,
where its young are raised within your majestic creation,
You invite us to dwell within your Heart.

Blessed are they whose hearts are filled with love,
who sing praises to You with grateful hearts!

Blessed are they who put their strength in You,
who choose to share the joy and sorrows of the world.
They do not give way to fear or doubt;
they are quickened by Diving Light and Power;
they dwell within the peace of the Most High.
They go from strength to strength and live with integrity.

Luke 4:16-22a (*Inclusive Bible, First Egalitarian Edition*)

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of our God is upon me:
because the Most High has anointed me
to bring Good News to those who are poor.
God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive,
recovery of sight to those who are blind,
and release to those in prison –
to proclaim the year of our God’s favor.”

Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he said to them, “Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled.”

All who were present spoke favorably of him; ...

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 “Joy in the Morning” *Chancel Choir & Festival Chimes*

Message “In God’s Presence I Sing for Joy”

Responding with Joy and Generosity

***Hymn of Response** “Joy in the Morning” FWS #2284

Prayers of the People Matt Comey

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory Donations to UMCOR for earthquake recovery may be made out to SPUMC and marked "Haiti Relief"

***Doxology** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 94

*Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate God, thank you for being our strength and our song. You fill our hearts with joy. May we give our offerings to you with gladness and gratitude. Everything we have belongs to you and we rejoice to give some of your abundant gifts to serve your purposes. Bless the tithes and offerings we give today. Let the majesty of Almighty God be the light that guides us, the compassion of the Son be the love that inspires us and the presence of the Spirit be the presence that empowers us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Going Forth to Serve and to Bless

*Closing Hymn

“Spirit Song”

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*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

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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.

Prayer Requests: A.J. Sapp; Ann Mathews; Ann Shumate (friends of Nancy Potter); Annie Borgenicht (friend of Anne Horst); Anya Kyong; Ardie Bennett; Bob McCune; Daniel Minor (son of Betty Windstein's neighbor); David Hall (brother of Joyce Turner and Sheila Hall); 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); and Robert Deming (Melissa Gould's nephew).

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

Our hearts go out to LaVerne Snyder's family for the loss of his mother, Shirley Snyder.

For Your Reflection

"All that is within me sings for joy to the living Heart of Love!" ~

How do you express your JOY to God? In the midst of so many needs in the world and in our lives, we often neglect to take note of, and express our joy in prayer. Be more intentional this week of sharing your joy with God!



Worship Series: Summer Psalms Aug 15 - Sept 5

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