

## 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 at Uris Hall. Contact Vivian at [hz524@cornell.edu](mailto:hz524@cornell.edu) or Sara Beth at [sbl84@cornell.edu](mailto:sbl84@cornell.edu) for details.

### 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 29, 2021 - 10:30 AM Service  
Fourteenth 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  
"Provision Beyond Expectations"*

**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**

We gather to worship with great expectations.

**We seek to experience God's revelation in new and adventurous ways.**

We begin our day with rejoicing, for God has done wonders in our lives.

**Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God.**

And we go forth to touch the lives of all with God's healing touch.

**Let us begin this day with rejoicing!**

**\*Singing Together**

"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

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**Opening Prayer**

**Encountering God Through the Word**

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 126** (paraphrase by Nan C. Merrill)

Phyllis Highland

When the Divine Lover enters the human heart, all yearnings are fulfilled!

Then will our mouths ring forth with laughter,  
and our tongues with shouts of joy;

Then will we sing our songs of praise, to You, O Beloved of all hearts.

For gladness will radiate out for all to see;

so great is your Presence among us.

Restore us to wholeness, O Healer,  
like newborn babes who have never strayed from You!  
May all who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!  
May all who go forth weeping tears of repentance,  
bearing seeds of Love,  
Come home to You with shouts of joy, leaving sorrow behind.

**John 2:1-11** (*Inclusive Bible, First Egalitarian Edition*)

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servants filled them to the brim.

"Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer. They did as they were instructed.

The caterer tasted the water – which had been turned into wine – without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!"

Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in 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**

"Look at the World"

Chancel Choir and Children's Music Group

**Message**

"Provision Beyond Expectations"

**Responding with Joy and Generosity**

**\*Hymn of Response**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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**Prayers of the People**

Diane Dawson

**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"

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## \*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, in gratitude for your abundant provision, we give. And we dedicate these gifts to serve in your compassionate name. We also seek your guidance as we endeavor to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. May our living, our giving, and our serving honor and glorify you, O God. Amen.

### Going Forth to Serve and to Bless

## \*Closing Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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## \*Dismissal with Blessing

## Postlude

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### -----PRAYERS-----

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; Daniel Minor (son of Betty Windstein's neighbor); David Hall (brother of Joyce Turner and Sheila Hall); David Hays (Barbara Wernham's son-in-law); 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); Marilyn 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.

### **For Your Reflection**

God restored the fortunes of Zion. Jesus turned water into the finest wine of the marriage feast. God has blessed us in extraordinary ways, too.  
Rejoice and be filled with gratitude for each blessing, for all good gifts come from 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.