

## Mandatory Safety Protocols:

- **Please cover your mouth and nose with a mask at all times inside the building.**
- Two seating options: **Safely Distanced**, for the unvaccinated and those needing more space such as families; 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: Please remain appropriately distanced from one another when exiting the sanctuary after our worship service.**
- Enjoy fellowship on the playground, chat with members and visitors. Unvaccinated need to wear masks, unless sipping. Thank you for keeping one another safe & for loving your neighbor!



### Open Doors English Fall Community Dinner: A Door to the World by take-out

Choice of vegetarian entrée (North African Pumpkin Soup or Mexican Vegetable Soup), bread, Asian cabbage salad, and desserts from the Middle East. Suggested price: \$20 per meal. **Preorder by Friday, October 8** at [opendoorsenglish.org](http://opendoorsenglish.org) and pick up at the First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca on Saturday, October 16 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Proceeds benefit Ithaca's non-profit school for adult English language learners.

### 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  
October 3, 2021 - 10:30 AM Service  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday**

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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 Tie that Binds  
"Moved"*

**Gathering as The Beloved Community**

- Gathering Music** Caleb Bates
- Greeting & Welcome** Pastor Beckie Sweet
- \*Sharing Love and Peace with All**
- Centering Music** "A Jubilant Song" Chancel Choir
- \*Call to Worship**
- May the Holy One ignite within us a fiery passion for our mission in the world today.  
**May the Spirit warm us with dancing tongues of flame,  
urging us to do God's greater good.**  
May faith in Christ awaken possibilities of faith that leads to new birth, and sharing love with the world.  
**In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate God's harvest ~  
a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us.**  
God will show us how to use these gifts,  
**as we listen for God's truth in the gentle breeze of the Spirit.**
- \*Singing Together** "Come, Share the Lord" FWS #2269

**Encountering God Through the Word**

- Scripture Readings** Galatians 5:16-26 (NRSV) Tim Sullivan

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity,

licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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** "For the Bread We Have Broken" by Joan Reppert

**Message** "The Tie That Binds: MOVED"

### **Responding with Joy and Generosity**

**\*Hymn of Response** "Jesu, Jesu"

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**Offering our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

And so, with all your people on earth  
in every place where two or more are gathered in your name  
and all the company of heaven who have gone before us  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Lord's Supper

## Prayer After Communion

### Going Forth to Serve and to Bless

#### \*Closing Hymn

"Bind Us Together"

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#### Announcements

#### \*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 Bell; 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); Gene Lovelace (Ruth Lovelace's brother); Gina Bakota (Teresa Yatsko's sister); Greg Corbit; Jackie Warren; John Salzman (LaVerne Snyder's friend); Katherine Herrala (LaVerne Snyder's aunt); Kathleen Jacklin; LaVerne Snyder; Mary Boardman and her son, Matthew; Marilyn Peterson (Lynn Martin's mother); Michael Russell (Sue Orzel's neighbor); Randy Hausner; Raymond Snyder (LaVerne's uncle); Robert Deming (Melissa Gould's nephew); Sheila Hall and the Zheng family.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) McCune; to Ruth Lovelace for the loss of her sister, Kitty Wasson; and the family of Mae Dockstader.

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

#### **Calling all Hands and Hearts for St Paul's**

Join us for maintenance and beautification of the church and parsonage. Many hands are needed this weekend and next to prepare for winter. [Sign Up HERE](#) or contact [ahorst@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:ahorst@stpaulsithaca.org) or [clunine@gmail.com](mailto:clunine@gmail.com). Come enjoy working with others from the congregation!

There are tasks that require skill with tools, and others that simply need a willing spirit.

#### **Studying Scripture, Art, and Social Justice**

We will be reading [The Shout: Finding the Prophetic Voice in Unexpected Places](#) by Hannah Adair Bonner. On Mondays 7:00-8:15 pm Pastor Beckie will lead our exploration of how these intersect. Come on Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 8, 15. Please let Pastor Beckie know to order a book for you.

#### **For Your Reflection**

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." (Gal. 5:25 NRSV) In the battle between the flesh and the Spirit, we know we need to diligently avoid temptations which cause us to sin against God and neighbor. Questions: Which temptations are most difficult to resist?  
How do you seek the guidance of the Spirit when facing those temptations?