



**St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
June 2, 2024 - 10:30 AM Service
Second 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.*

Gathering as The Beloved Community

Gathering Music

“Womb of Life & Source of Being”
by Ronald Arnatt/Ruth Duck
“Mary Had a Baby, Yes, Lord”
(West Indian trad.)

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greeting & Welcome

Rev. Beckie Sweet, senior pastor

***Sharing Love and Peace with All**

Centering Music

“Choral”
by J.S.Bach

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a spark of your presence in each of us.

Kindle that spark into a flame of love and service, we pray.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate your loving presence in our lives.

May your loving presence be a strong influence in our lives, we pray.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice in learning about your love and forgiveness.

As we grow in faith, in trust and love for you, our Triune God,

may our worship, witness and service bring honor to your Holy Name. Amen.

***Singing Together**

“Spirit of God”

FWS #2117

Encountering God Through the Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (NRSVue)

Diane Dawson

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.
 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
 In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.
 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
 18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
 I come to the end—I am still with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks Be to God!

A Message for All God's Children

Following this, children ages 4-11 are invited to attend "Curious with Christ."

Special Music	"Psalm 139" by Allen Pote	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
Message	"Treasure"	<i>Rev. Beckie Sweet</i>

Responding with Joy and Generosity

*Hymn of Response	"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"	FWS #2051
Request from the Finance Committee		<i>Pat Woodworth, Chair</i>
Offering Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	"In My Life" by Claude-Michel Schonberg/Kerbert Kretzmer	<i>Molly MacMillan, piano</i>

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you all.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts;
We lift them to God.
 Give thanks to our God!
All our thanks, all our praise!



And this is our song:

Holy, Holy, Holy God, our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Save us, we pray, You beyond all.
Blest is the One who comes in your name.
Save us, we pray, You beyond all.



...we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.



You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever. And so, we proclaim:
Amen! So be it! Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table where we Share the Bread and Cup

*All are invited and welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.
The common bread is gluten free. The common cup contains no sugar added juice.
If you are unable to come forward, the elements may be brought to you at your seat.*

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth to Serve and to Bless

***Closing Hymn**

"Loving Spirit"

FWS # 2123

Announcements – The Church in Action

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"A New Life"
by Leslie Brancuse/Frank Wildhorn

Molly MacMillan, piano

-----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.

Prayer Requests: Diana Walker, Andrea Simmons (Ledyard); Kathleen Jacklin; Mary and Matthew Boardman. Pray for healing within the United Methodist Church, as we live into the new reality of being a fully inclusive denomination.

Prayer requests will be published in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like someone to remain on the list, contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch at lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org or 607-269- 5509. Please remember that we also need permission from the person listed.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of June 2, 2024

Sunday, June 2nd

10:30am – Worship with Communion and "Curious with Christ."
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time in Memorial Room

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

10:00am – Fiber Arts Group – Memorial Room

Wednesday, June 5

10:00am – Staff meeting - ZOOM
7:00pm – Staff Parish Relations Committee - ZOOM

Thursday, June 6

7:15pm – Choir Rehearsal – Dining Room

Friday, June 7

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, June 8

Sunday, June 9

10:30am – Worship and "Curious with Christ."
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time - Memorial Room

Children and Worship – Children are always welcome in worship! To help keep hands busy, we have books and toys on the black cart near the main sanctuary door. *Children ages 4-11 are invited to attend “Curious with Christ.”*

Choir Rehearsals Resume This Week

Please note that choir rehearsals resume this **Thursday, June 6th at 7:15** in the Memorial Room.

Come to OAM Picnic on June 13th

St. Paul’s Older Adult Ministry team invites you to usher in summer with their annual “Bring-Your-Own-Lunch” picnic and program at the Stewart Park Small Pavilion on **Thursday, June 13, 12-2pm**. Carol Bushberg, owner of Carol Bushberg Real Estate, will present a program on “Downsizing and De-cluttering” following lunch. Look for an invitation in your email or contact the church office (607-273-5971) if you would like to attend.

First Baseball Game of the Season June 28th

Join Pastor Beckie and your fellow baseball enthusiasts in Binghamton on **June 28th at 7:05pm** to watch the Binghamton Rumble Ponies take on the Erie Sea Hawkes. Tickets are \$12 each, and reservations must be made with Pastor Beckie by June 14th.

Village at Ithaca News

Donations for the Village at Ithaca will be paused for the summer. Thank you for your faithful participation for the past year!

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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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Spirit of God



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
 all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
 one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
 love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
 power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,)
 your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,)
 we go, you hold us to - geth - er so,)
 or fall, or know de - feat at all,)
 we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,)



held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. _____



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!

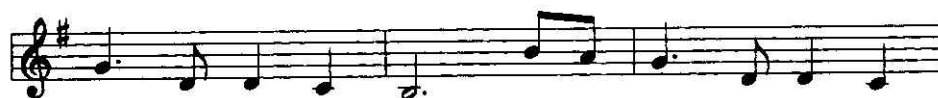


Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

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I Was There to Hear
Your Boring Cry

1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

D.C.

Loving Spirit

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1., 5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have
 2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my
 3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me
 4. Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am

cho - sen me to be — you have drawn me to your
 life with - in your own, feed me with your ver - y
 the dis - cern - ing eye, hoist me up up - on your
 known and held and blessed: In your prom - ise is my

won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.

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