



**Acts 1:6-11 (NRSVue)**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God!**

**A Message for All God’s Children**

**Special Music**

“Risen Indeed”  
by Alan Pote

*Chancel Choir*

**Message**

“The Ascension Window”

*Rev. Beckie Sweet*

**Responding with Joy and Generosity**

**\*Hymn of Response**

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UMH #173

**Update from the Finance Committee**

*Pat Woodworth*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

“Mercy, Mercy, Mercy”  
by Joe Zawinal

*Molly MacMillan, piano*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

May the God of resurrection be with you!

**And also with you!**

People of God, exult before the Lord!

**We lift our hearts to the One who showers us with grace which never ends.**

Sing to the One who blesses us, Beloved.

**Glad songs of thanksgiving are offered forever.**

♥♥♥

So with those who always keep an eye on you, And with those who look around wondering if anyone will notice their presence, we rejoice in your gracious presence:

**4Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all grace.**

**All creation sings aloud songs to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who will come again. Hosanna in the highest!**

♥♥♥

As we remember Christ’s life and ministry, as we rejoice in the hope which is ours in Christ, we celebrate that mystery called faith:

**Christ died, that we would know that sin is death;**

**Christ was raised, so we would know what new life is;**

**Christ will come again, in the same way he went into heaven.**

♥♥♥

And at the Great Wedding Feast of the Lamb, we will gather around your abundant table, Our siblings who suffered for you on one side and those who humbled themselves on the other,

we will join hands, hearts, and voices in forever singing your glad praises,  
God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Invitation to Christ's Table**

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*All are invited and welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*The common bread is gluten free and vegan.*

*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 Bless**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

"I'll Fly Away"

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#### **Announcements**

#### **\*Dismissal with Blessing**

#### **\*Postlude**

"Cross Current"  
by Lennie Tristano

*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](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org).

**Prayer Requests:** Andrea Downing Zheng and family); Larry Roberts; 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](mailto: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 1st, 2025***

### **Sunday, June 1st**

10:30am – Worship with Communion - Sanctuary  
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room  
12:00pm – Small Group Start Up Conversation –  
Memorial Room  
12:00pm – Outdoor Workday - Playground

### **Monday, June 2nd**

### **Tuesday, June 3rd**

10:00am – Fiber Arts Group – Durham Room  
7:00pm – Church Council & Special Charge Conference  
– Memorial Room

### **Wednesday, June 4th**

9:00am – Newsletter Mailing – Memorial Room  
10:00am – Staff Meeting - ZOOM

### **Thursday, June 5th**

7:15pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal – Dining Room

### **Friday, June 6th**

Church offices closed

### **Saturday, June 7th**

### **Sunday, June 8th**

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am – Pastor Beckie's Reception – Memorial  
Room

**Children and Worship** – Children are always welcome in worship! To help keep small hands busy, we have books and toys on the black cart near the main sanctuary door. **Children ages 4-11 are invited to join “Justice Explorers” when it resumes in September.**

### ***Small Group Start Up Discussion This Sunday***

Don't miss the small-group start-up conversation that the Lay Leadership Team will be hosting in the Memorial Room from 12-1pm following services **this Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-1pm.** We'll touch on small-group history, hopes, guidelines, and opportunities at St. Paul's. Questions? Contact Karen Kaufmann at [tunafiki@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:tunafiki@twcnny.rr.com).

### ***Special Charge Conference This Tuesday***

The SPUM Church Council will be holding a Special Charge Conference as a part of its scheduled meeting **this Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 pm.** The only agenda item for the Charge Conference will be to set new figures for the Pastor's Compensation. Because it is a Charge Conference, only elected members of the Church Council will be voting.

### ***OAM Welcomes Summer with June 10<sup>th</sup> Picnic***

The Older Adult Ministry (OAM) team invites you to usher in summer with a “Bring-Your-Own-Lunch” picnic at the small pavilion in Stewart Park on **Tuesday, June 10, 12-2pm.** Kirk Smith will share information about The Gayogohó:nq? (Guy-yo-KO-no) Indigenous people of the Cayuga Lake region based on a brief history written by Kurt Jordan, Director of Cornell's American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program. **Please note: the date given on the recent Evite was incorrect,** but you can still use it to respond if you're able to make it on the correct date above. You can also contact the church office if you would like to attend.

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# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 155

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pro - strate  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial  
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar  
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

fall, let an - gels pro - strate fall; bring forth the roy - al  
 fall, ye ran - sored from the fall, hail him who saves you  
 gall, the worm - wood and the gall, go spread your tro - phies  
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es -  
 call, who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of  
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him,  
 by his grace, and crown him,  
 at his feet, and crown him,  
 ty as - crite, and crown him,  
 Jes - se's Rod, and crown him,  
 last - ing song, and crown him,  
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,  
 crown

crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.  
 him,

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 173

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
 2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -  
 3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,  
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,  
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine,

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on  
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward  
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, } I'll fly a -  
 2. When the shad-ows of this life have gone, } fly a-way,  
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then, }

way;  
 fly a-way; } to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,  
 like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, }  
 to a land where joys shall nev - er end, }

*Refrain*

I'll fly a-way. I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry,  
 fly a-way, fly a-way. fly a-way,

I'll fly a-way, fly a-way. When I die, hal - le -  
 fly a-way, in the morn-ing.

