

of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God!

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music

“O Breath of Life”
by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

Message

“Another Great Reversal”

Rev. Beckie Sweet

Responding with Joy and Generosity

***Hymn of Response**

“Spirit of God”

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Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“The Underdog”
by Dave Frishberg/Al Cohn

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Prayer of Dedication

Move over these gifts, Great Spirit, and multiply them for your use. Direct us with your power to utilize each gift faithfully that all may be aware of your generous and boundless love. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve and Bless

*Closing Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

FWS #2241

Announcements

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Invention # 6 in E Major”
By JS Bach

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: 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 or 607-269- 5509. Please remember that we also need permission from the person listed.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of June 8th, 2025

Sunday, June 8th -

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
11:30am – Pastor Beckie’s reception – Downstairs
Dining Room

Monday, June 9th

4:45pm – Lay Leadership Team – ZOOM
5:30pm – Local & World Missions - ZOOM

Tuesday, June 10th

11:30am – OAM Picnic – Stewart Park Small Pavilion
6:00pm – Finance Meeting – ZOOM
7:15pm – Trustees Meeting - ZOOM

Wednesday, June 11th

6:00pm – Summer Sing Rehearsals – Dining Room

Thursday, June 12th

7:15pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal – Dining Room

Friday, June 13th

Church offices closed

Saturday, June 14th

Sunday, June 15th – Father’s Day – Trinity Sunday –

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary – Peace with
Justice Offering
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – 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.**

Reception to Honor Pastor Beckie Following Today’s Service

Please plan to attend a special reception being held after worship today to honor Pastor Beckie as she leaves St. Paul’s and retires from 42 years of ministry. There will be hearty snacks, beverages, and of course, cake! There will also be ample opportunity for expressions of gratitude and farewell wishes. Please note that next Sunday, June 15, is Pastor Beckie’s final service leading worship at St. Paul’s!

Peace with Justice Special Offering Next Sunday

The UMC uses this day to speak out for peace and justice. Our social commitment calls us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in times of conflict. 50% of the offering stays in our Conference to enhance and support local ministries. The other half of the offering supports national and international peacemaking ministries and grants (like the one we received to underwrite the Witness to Injustice Blanket exercise). Please give generously if you can! Checks should be made out to “SPUMC” with “Peace with Justice” in the Memo line.

Batter Up!

Baseball season has arrived, and that means only one thing: it’s time for “United Methodist Night” at Syracuse’s NBT Stadium. First up? The Syracuse Mets vs. the Omaha Storm Chasers on **Thursday, July 25 at 6:35pm.** Tickets are \$18 a piece. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch at lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org. Checks should be made out to SPUMC” with “Baseball Game” in the memo line. **Checks must be in by Monday, June 30.**

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We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'We Are the Church'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -'. The music is a simple, unison melody.

WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

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geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Fine

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing - ing and there's pray-ing,
5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

D.C.

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
 some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.
 there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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! _____

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Unison

Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a unison setting of 'Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are centered between the two staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 2241



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

WORDS: Delores Dufner, OSB
MUSIC: USA folk melody

LAND OF REST
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