



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 6, 2025 - 10:30 AM Service
Fourth 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

“That’s a Plenty”
by Lew Pollock/Ray Gilbert

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greeting & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Beth Quick

***Sharing Love and Peace with All**

Centering Music

“Spiritual”
by Christopher Kaufman

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Call to Worship** (from Hans Holznagel)

Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.
Give thanks and proclaim God’s holy name.
Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,
come as you are, for all are welcome here.
Open your hearts to healing, to life restored.
Let us worship God.

***Singing Together**

“And Are We Yet Alive”

UMH #553

Encountering God Through the Word

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6: 1-16 (NSRVue)

Diane Dawson

6 My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads. 6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. 7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. 11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never

boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NRSVue)

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6 And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ 16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God!

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music

“The Open Table”
by Mark Miller

Molly MacMillan, piano
Jackson Robinson, vocals

Message

“Plentiful Harvest”

Rev. Dr. Beth Quick

Responding with Joy and Generosity

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“At The Base of the Great Mountain”
by Wendy Maraniss

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Hymn of Response**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

SEE INSERT

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.*

Blessed Assurance

A Sung Communion Liturgy for the Season after Pentecost/Ordinary Time *Responses to be sung by Jackson Robinson*



Lift up your hearts, friends, time to give thanks!
Time now to gather, our voices to raise!
Called to the table, hearts turned to God,
Come to meet Christ here, come now to praise.

REFRAIN: This is God's table; come find your place.

**Table of blessing, table of grace.
This is God's table, this is God's gift.
We are invited; come to the feast.**



God sent us Christ in the fullness of time:
God-come-among-us, human, divine.
Christ lived among us; he shared the good news:
God's kin-dome for all, God's kin-dom for you.

**REFRAIN: This is our story, this is our song,
praising the Savior all day long;
this is our story, this is our song,
praising the Savior all day long.**



During the supper, Jesus took bread.
Thanking and sharing, disciples he fed.
"This is my body, given for you
Eat and remember when this you do."

REFRAIN: This is God's table; come find your place.

**Table of blessing, table of grace.
This is God's table, this is God's gift.
We are invited; come to the feast!**



After the supper, Christ shared the cup
"This is my life—it's poured out for you.
Sign of forgiveness, sign of God's love.
Given to all: God's promise made new."

REFRAIN: : This is God's table; come find your place.

**Table of blessing, table of grace.
This is God's table, this is God's gift.
We are invited; come to the feast!**



Blessed assurance! Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Here at the table, gift from above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love.

**REFRAIN: This is our story, this is our song,
praising the Savior all day long;
this is our story, this is our song,
praising the Savior all day long.**

*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**

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

FWS #2184

Announcements

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

“More”
by Riz Ortolani/Nino Oliviero

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: Ruth Lovelace; 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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Janet Sciscioli, who passed on Saturday, June 28th.

St. Paul’s Ministries ~ Week of July 6th, 2025

Sunday, July 6th

10:30am – Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room

Monday, July 7th

Tuesday, July 8th

10:00am – Fiber Arts Group – Durham Room
6:00pm – Finance Meeting – ZOOM
7:15pm – Trustees Meeting - ZOOM

Wednesday, July 9th

6:00pm – Summer Sing Rehearsals – DR
7:00pm – SPRC - ZOOM

Thursday, July 10th

Friday, July 11th

Church offices closed

Saturday, July 12th

Sunday, July 13th

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
11:30am – Welcome Reception for Pastor Alicia –
Downstairs Dining 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 attend “Justice Explorers,” which will resume in September.**

Updates from Pastor Transition Team

During this time of transition, we're grateful for our guest pastors who are leading worship for us until Pastor Alicia's first Sunday, July 13. If there are needs for pastoral care during this transition time, there are local pastors providing on-call coverage; they can be accessed by contacting Jami Breedlove-Crouch at the church office. Pastor Alicia will be in the office starting tomorrow, July 7. The transition team will be planning small group “Meet & Greets” so that Pastor Alicia can get to know everyone in the congregation. **Sign-up sheets will be available starting today**, and the small group sessions will begin the week of July 14. If you'd like to host a session in your home, there will be an opportunity to sign up for this as well. Initially, the sessions will be held at the church. We're excited for everyone to meet and welcome Pastor Alicia! If you have any questions about the transition, feel free to talk to, or email, Alice Meilman, Transition Team Chair, alicemeilman@gmail.com.

Reception for Pastor Alicia Following Next Week's Service

Please come welcome our new Pastor Alicia Wood to our congregation by attending our picnic themed reception in the downstairs dining room after next week's service. As usual, fun and fellowship will be the order of the day!

Celebration of Dick Tenney's Life to be Held July 19th

Please join friends and family in celebrating the life of Richard (Dick) Tenney on **Saturday, July 19th at 1:00pm** here at St. Paul's. If you're unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at: <https://vimeo.com/event/3966326/77dc7ffe73>.

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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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And Are We Yet Alive

1. And are we yet a - live, and see each
 2. Pre - served by power di - vine to full sal -
 3. What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y
 4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us
 5. Then let us make our boast of his re -
 6. Let us take up the cross till we the

oth - er's face? Glo - ry and thanks to
 va - tion here, a - gain in Je - sus'
 con - flicts past, fight - ings with - out, and
 by his love; and still he doth his
 deem - ing power, which saves us to the
 crown ob - tain, and glad - ly reck - on

Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!
 praise we join, and in his sight ap - pear.
 fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!
 help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.
 ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.
 all things loss so we may Je - sus gain.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

(Enviado Soy de Dios)



Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra



make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me



task is ours to do, to set it real-ly free. O
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -



help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

WORDS: Anon.; trans. by Jorge Maldonado, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Cuban; arr. by Carmen Peña

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