



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
**“A Compassionate Community Led and Transformed
by the Spirit.”**



Sunday, July 13th, 2025 - 10:30 AM Service

Fifth 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

“Won't You Be My Neighbor”
by Fred Rogers

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Alicia Wood

***Sharing Love and Peace with All**

Centering Music

“I am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger”
(trad. Spiritual)

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Call to Worship**

Here in this place, we can ask the big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

Where do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

***Singing Together**

“I Dream of A Church”
by Mark Miller

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Encountering God Through the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 10: 25-37 (NSRVue)

Kelli Hansen

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **26** He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” **27** He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” **28** And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” **30** Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” **37** He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

A Message for All God’s Children

Pastor Alicia Wood

Special Music

“Both Sides Now”
by Joni Mitchell

Molly MacMillan, piano
Emily Preston, vocals

Message

“Then Jesus Said”

Pastor Alicia Wood

Responding with Joy and Generosity

***Hymn of Response**

“When the Poor Ones”

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Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Andantino”
by Franz Joseph Haydn

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

God of everything, we thank you for being there, always. We ask that these offerings be a blessing to the stranger and neighbor and everything in between. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve and Bless

***Closing Hymn**

“The Summons”

FWS #2130

Announcements

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

“Strangers Like Me”
by Phil Collins

Molly MacMillan, piano

-----PRAYERS-----

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, confidential concerns seen only by those who participate in the Prayer Chain, please contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch at: lovingcare@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.

Congrats to Loving Care Ministries Coordinator Jami Breedlove Crouch for winning ACT's Betty T. Morrow Founder's Award for Volunteer of the Year!

The flowers this week are presented in memory of Janet Scoscioli and her love of singing by her fellow choir members. Janet, you are loved and missed by everyone in the St. Paul's choir. We continue to hold Vito and your family in our hearts and prayers.

Please pray for Pastor Alicia as she begins her journey with us here at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of July 13th, 2025

Sunday, July 13th

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
11:30am – Welcome Reception for Pastor Alicia –
Downstairs Dining Room

Monday, July 14th

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

Tuesday, July 15th

10:00am – Fiber Arts Group – Durham Room
10:00am – Staff Meeting - ZOOM

Wednesday, July 16th

6:00pm – Summer Sing Rehearsals – DR

Thursday, July 17th

Friday, July 18th

Church offices closed

Saturday, July 19th

1:00pm – Memorial Service for Dick Tenney -
Sanctuary

Sunday, July 20th

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
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 attend “Justice Explorers,” which will resume in September.**

Reception for Pastor Alicia Following Today’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 today’s service. As usual, fun and fellowship will be the order of the day!

Sign Up for a Meet & Greet Group Session with Pastor Alicia

We hope you’ll sign up soon for a meet & greet small group session with Pastor Alicia so that she can get to know everyone in the congregation. Sign-up sheets will be available today as well as the next two Sundays, 7/20, and 7/27. Pam Lillard will have the sign-up sheets at one of the tables outside the sanctuary before and after worship. You may also email Pam at: psl1@cornell.edu between now and July 28 to sign up. If you’re part of a committee, special ministry team, or other already established small group, and wish to sign up as a group, that’s also an option. Questions? Talk to Pam Lillard or Alice Meilman.

Celebration of Dick Tenney’s Life to be Held Next Saturday, July 19th

Please join friends and family in celebrating the life of Richard (Dick) Tenney **next 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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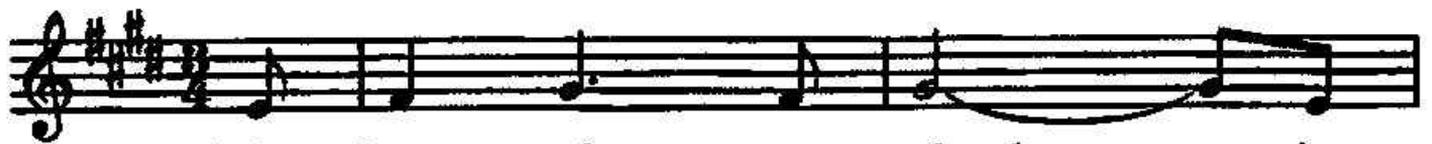
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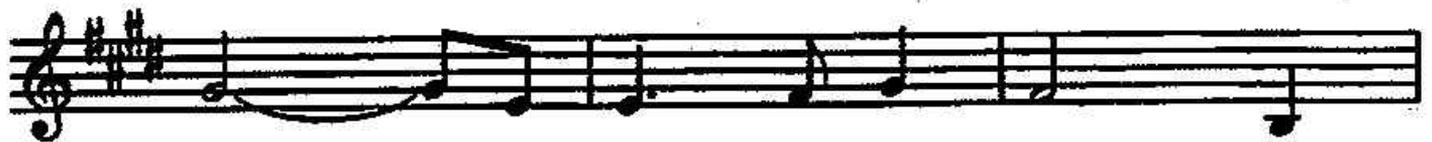
I Dream of a Church



1. I dream of a church _____ where
2. O God, fill our hearts _____ to



ev-'ry-one is wel - come, I dream of a
reach out in wel - come, make us to



place _____ we all can call home. I
see _____ your vi - sion once more. Let's



dream of a world where jus - tice is
dream of a world where our hands are



flow - ing with hope and peace grow - ing, _____ where
your hands, we of - fer our - selves, _____ O

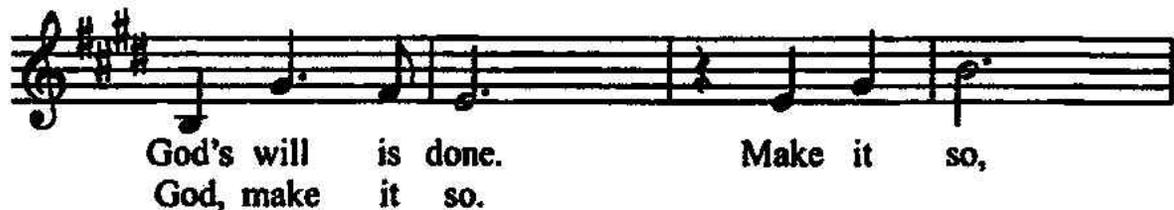
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God's will is done. Make it so,
God, make it so.



make it so! We



pray for that day, make it so.



We dream of a world where



Love reigns among us and your will is



done, O God, make it so!

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Cuando El Pobre

(When the Poor Ones)

Unisono (Unison)

Dm A7 Bb

Estribillo (Refrain)

B₇

A7

Dm

va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,

D7

Gm

A7

Dm

Gm

Dm

va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

3. Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,
cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,
cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos,
Estribillo

4. Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,
cuando un hombre donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño,
Estribillo

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3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
Refrain

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
Refrain

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

Unison

lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Je-sus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it!

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

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

88.44.88 with Refrain

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 staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a B-flat key signature. The music is written in a unison style, with the same notes appearing on both staves. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The first two phrases are followed by an exclamation point, and the third phrase is followed by a dash and an exclamation point. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, with the same notes appearing on both staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a B-flat key signature. The music is written in a unison style, with the same notes appearing on both staves. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The first two phrases are followed by an exclamation point, and the third phrase is followed by a dash and an exclamation point.

The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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