



# Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

*"A Compassionate Community Led and Transformed by the Spirit."*



**Sunday, July 20th, 2025 - 10:30 AM Service**  
***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

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*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.*

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## **Gathering as The Beloved Community**

### **Gathering Music**

"Musete"  
by Jean-Francois Dandrieu

*Dr. John White, organ*

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"  
By J. S. Bach

*Dr. John White, organ*

### **Greeting & Welcome**

*Pastor Alicia Wood*

### **\*Sharing Love and Peace with All**

### **Centering Music**

"Morning Has Broken"  
by Eleanor Farjeon

*Dr. John White, piano*  
*Erin O'Rourke, vocals*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Come as you are.

**If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**

if you know every scripture or none at all,

**if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions, come as you are.

This is God's house.

**None are turned away.**

All are welcome here.

### **\*Singing Together**

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH #114

## **Encountering God Through the Word**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 10: 38-42 (NSRVue)**

*Dwight Mengel*

### **Jesus visits Martha and Mary**

**38** While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. **39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. **40** By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

41 The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. 42 One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won’t be taken away from her.”

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**

“Will There Really Be a Morning?”  
by Ricky Ian Gordon

*Dr. John White, piano*  
*Erin O’Rourke, vocals*

**Message**

“The Gray Area”

*Pastor Alicia Wood*

**Responding with Joy and Generosity**

**\*Hymn of Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #393

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

*Jami Breedlove-Crouch*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

“The Fifers”  
by Jean-Francois Dandrieu

*Dr. John White, organ*

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: God of Grace, We long to do the “right” thing. We long to make the “right” choice. We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

**Going Forth to Serve and Bless**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH #664

**Announcements**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

“Prelude in Classic Style”  
by Gordon Young

*Dr. John White, organ*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org) or 607-269- 5509. Please remember that we also need permission from the person listed.

***Today's flowers are in loving memory of Dick Tenney***

***St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of July 20th, 2025***

**Sunday, July 20th**

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am – Coffee & Fellowship Time – Memorial Room

**Monday, July 21st**

**Tuesday, July 22nd**

10:00am – Staff Meeting - ZOOM

**Wednesday, July 23rd**

6:00pm – Summer Sing Rehearsals – DR

**Thursday, July 24th**

**Friday, July 25th**

Church offices closed

**Saturday, July 26th**

**Sunday, July 27th**

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am – Coffee & Fellowship Time – Memorial Room  
1:00pm – Small group meeting w/Pastor Alicia – Durham 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.**

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

There’s still time to sign up for a meet & greet group session with Pastor Alicia. Pam Lillard will be at a table outside the sanctuary with sign-up sheets both before and after services this Sunday, 7/20, as well as Sunday 7/27. There will be a number of options to choose from, so please come prepared with your calendars to pick your day and time! You may also email Pam at: [psl1@cornell.edu](mailto: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.

### **Our Staff**

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**Church Office Hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday – Thursday**

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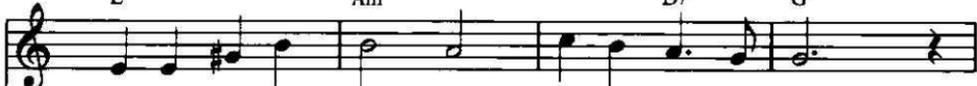
## Many Gifts, One Spirit

C G C F G C



1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

E Am D7 G



when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G7 C



In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

C

F

G

C

F

C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise one Giv - er,

one Lord, one Spir - it, one Word known in man - y ways,

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

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## Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

## 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

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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 is 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 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 exclamation points, and the third phrase ends with 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 exclamation points, and the third phrase ends with an exclamation point.

## 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Unison*

1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2. With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-ery-day life we will face.

The ser-vice is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of our wor-ship in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of the teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1964

MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. by Leland Sateren, 1972

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Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion

shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.  
give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.