

3 Give us the bread we need for today.
4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.
And don't lead us into temptation."

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

"Mother's Spiritual"
by Laura Nyro

Molly MacMillan, piano
Emily Preston, vocals

Message

"Trespases or Debts?"

Pastor Alicia Wood

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Responding with Joy and Generosity

***Hymn of Response** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)

FWS #2193

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

"A Remark You Made"
by Josef Zawinul

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Doxology**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Living and redeeming God, as we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve and Bless

***Closing Hymn**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382

Announcements

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

"Selected Variations"
by Haydn

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.

Loving prayers go out to the family & friends of Martha MaGraw, who passed away Monday, July 14th.

Solemn Commemoration of Dropping the Atomic Bomb

The Ithaca Catholic Worker and the Society of Friends (Quakers) invite you to a gathering in DeWitt Park (102 E. Court Street) on **Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30pm** to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima (Aug.6th, 1945) and Nagasaki (Aug. 9th, 1945). There will be prayer, song, silent reflection, and sharing. The gathering is to remember, to ask for forgiveness, to work for nuclear abolition, and to pass on our desire for peace for future generations. Arrive at 5:30 PM to make origami peace cranes and posters. Bring a chair if you would like.

Heeding the Call to Welcome the Stranger

How is the UMC heeding the Biblical call to welcome the stranger in a world of migrants and refugees? If you're curious, here's a link to last week's UMC webinar on current migration and asylum issues, co-sponsored by the Council of Bishops and a number of UM church agencies: <https://www.gcorr.org/news/immigration-update-a-webinar-on-birthright-citizenship>. The link includes UM resources designed to help churches and individuals stand for justice with our immigrant neighbors.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of July 27th, 2025

Sunday, July 27th

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

Monday, July 28th

Tuesday, July 29th

7:00pm – Small Group Meeting w/Pastor Alicia – Durham Room

Wednesday, July 30th

7:00pm – SPRC - ZOOM

Thursday, July 31st

6:00pm – Interfaith Community Dinner – Myers Park, Lansing, Pavilion “D.”

Friday, August 1st

Church offices closed

Saturday, August 2nd

Sunday, August 3rd

10:30am – Worship with Communion - 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 “Faith Explorers,” which will resume in September.**

Seeking Contributions for Fall 2025 Newsletter

It's newsletter time again, and as always, we're in need of contributions from SPUMC'ers of all stripes. News items, essays, photos, upcoming events—we've got room for all of it! Contributions can be emailed to Dee at: office@stpaulsithaca.org. **All items must be in by Monday, August 18th.** Contact Dee if you have any questions.

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

There's only one more opportunity to sign up for a meet & greet group session with Pastor Alicia at church. Pam Lillard will be at a table outside the sanctuary with sign up sheets **following services today**. There are still times available, so make sure you stop by to see her. After this Sunday, Pam will *not* be available to assist with sign-ups. If you miss the July window for signing up and would still like to be included in a small group meet & greet, please contact Alice Meilman, SPRC Chair (alicemeilman@gmail.com) or the church office.

Temple Beth-El to Host Interfaith Community Dinner This Thursday

Temple Beth-El will be hosting an interfaith community dinner in Myers Park in Lansing **this Thursday, July 31st from 6-8pm**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish-to-pass while gathering at Pavilion "D." As always, the meal is free and all are welcome. No time to make a dish? No worries---it's your presence that matters. Come and make new friends!

Donations Needed for Blue Cabinets and Catholic Charities

SPUMC is seeking donations of food items for Blue Cabinets as well as hygiene items for Catholic Charities. Boxes for both can be found on the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Our Staff

Rev. Alicia (Pastor Alicia) Wood / Senior Pastor / pastor@stpaulsithaca.org
Jami Breedlove-Crouch / Loving Care Ministries Coordinator / lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org
Dee Levine / Church Administrative Assistant & Communications / office@stpaulsithaca.org
Michelle Eells / Business & Building Ministries Coordinator / business@stpaulsithaca.org
Maia Finkel / Choral and Ensembles Director / choirdirector@stpaulsithaca.org
Molly MacMillan / Pianist / pianist@stpaulsithaca.org
David Kingsley / Technical Director / dkingsley@stpaulsithaca.org
Dorothy Preston / Festival Chimes Director / dpreston@stpaulsithaca.org
Sue Orzel / Custodian

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation

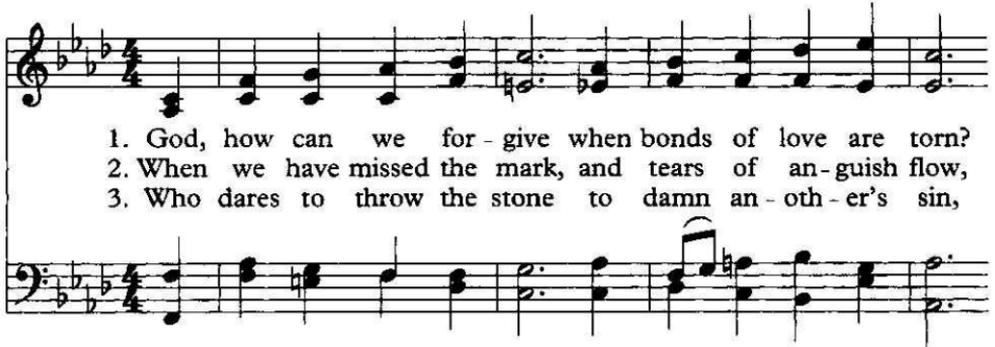
402 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY

Find us at www.stpaulsithaca.org, Facebook and Instagram

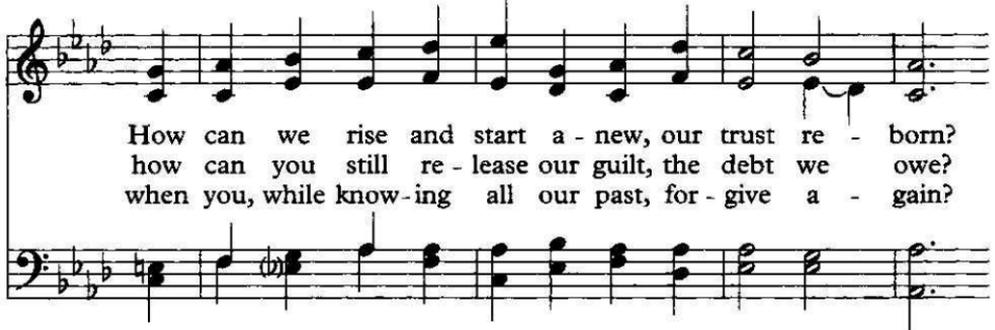
Church Office Hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday – Thursday

Office Phone: 607-273-5971 Pastoral Care Phone: 607-269-5509

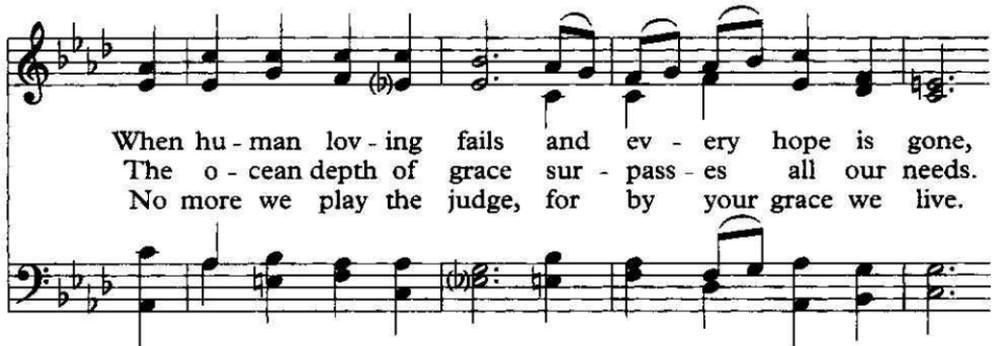
God, How Can We Forgive



1. God, how can we for-give when bonds of love are torn?
 2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an-guish flow,
 3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an-oth-er's sin,



How can we rise and start a-new, our trust re-born?
 how can you still re-lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know-ing all our past, for-give a-gain?



When hu-man lov-ing fails and ev-ery hope is gone,
 The o-cean depth of grace sur-pass-es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be-yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu-man pain, Christ in-ter-cedes.
 As you, O God, for-give our sin, may we for-give.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 2193



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____



Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; _____



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____ send us



love, send us power, send us grace. _____

WORDS: Ken Medema
MUSIC: Ken Medema

CHILDREN PRAYING

98.99

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 clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). 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 key signature of one flat. The second staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The music is written in a single system, with the two staves connected by a brace on the left. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. The music is written in a single system, with the two staves connected by a brace on the left. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!