

Lord, you have examined me.

You know me.

² You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

³ You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

⁴ There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.

⁵ You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.

⁶ That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

¹³ You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

¹⁵ My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.

¹⁷ God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!

¹⁸ If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God!

Message

“Woven”

Pastor Alicia Wood

Responding with Joy and Generosity

***Hymn of Response**

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH #620

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“More Than Words”
by Nuno Bettancourt/Gary Cherone

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Prayer of Dedication**

Tender and knowing God, you have searched us and known us—every thought, every fear, every hope that stirs within. You wove us together with care, claiming us before we could speak your name. Receive these gifts, offered not from perfection but from hearts seeking you. Use them to shape a world more reflective of your love and shape us, too, into a people more open, more generous, more faithful. May our giving become a response to your knowing and our generosity a reflection of your grace. In the name of the one who knows us still. Amen.

Holy Communion

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.

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 Following Holy Communion

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Going Forth to Serve and Bless

***Closing Hymn**

"Guide My Feet"

FWS #2208

Announcements

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

"Allemand from 'English Suite IV'"
by J.S. Bach

Molly MacMillan, piano

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of September 7th, 2025

Sunday, September 7th

10:30am – Worship w/Communion - Sanctuary
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room
11:45am – Faith Explorers Planning Picnic – Dining Room

Monday, September 8th

4:45pm – Lay Leadership Team - ZOOM

Tuesday, September 9th

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

Wednesday, September 10th

Thursday, September 11th

5:30pm – Local & World Missions meeting - ZOOM
6:00pm – Festival Chimes Rehearsal – Bell Choir Room
7:15pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Dining Room

Friday, September 12th

Church offices closed

Saturday, September 13th

Sunday, September 14

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room
11:45am – Faith Explorers Fall Family Gathering - Parsonage

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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.

Prayer Requests: Linda Yetter; William Deming (nephew of Melissa Gould); 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.

Flowers This Week Are A Gift From Linda Wintje In Honor of William Torres

OAM Dinner This Tuesday

The St. Paul's Older Adult Ministry (OAM) team invites you to join them **this Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 4-6pm** in the Community Room at Library Place (Corner of Cayuga & Court Street-Use Cayuga St. entrance) for a light sandwich supper and to learn about the many activities and opportunities at Lifelong. A tour of Library Place will be offered after the program. Free parking is available in the Lifelong parking lot. **Today is the last day to RSVP!** See Dee in the church office if you'd like to attend.

"Crafters" Group Starts This Thursday

SPUMC's "Crafters" group (formerly known as "Fiber Arts") will resume meeting on **Thursdays from 10am-12pm beginning this week on September 11th**. Come along to the Durham room for some fun and fellowship! All are welcome.

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 resumes on September 21st.***

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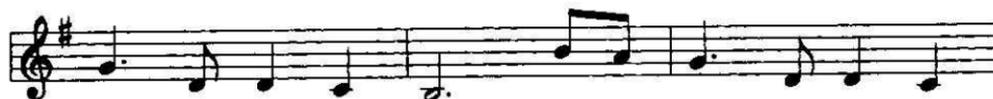
Church Office Hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday – Thursday

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I Was There to Hear
Your Boring Cry

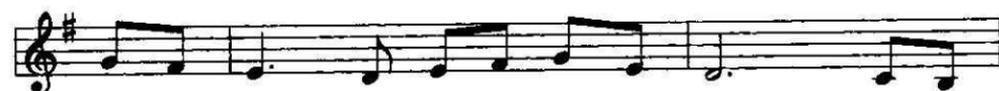
1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

D.C.

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) *Fine*

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em

D

Em

D

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Em

F

Am

D7

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all. One
 gath-ered to one, for all.

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

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| 2. Hold my hand ... | 4. I'm your child ... |
| 3. Stand by me ... | 5. Search my heart ... |
| 6. Guide my feet ... | |