



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, February 1st, 2026 - 10:30 AM Service



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

Gathering Music

"Blessed"
by Kelly Clarkson

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greetings & Welcome

Centering Music

"Allegro from 'Sonatina No. 5'
by Remo Vinciguerra

Molly MacMillan, piano

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 15 NRSVUE)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

Those who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends.

Whoever lives like this will always stand strong. Praise be to God!

*Opening Hymn

"Blest Are They"

FWS #2155

*Sharing Love & Peace with All

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God's Children

Rev. Joellyn Tuttle

Special Music

"Bread of the World"
by Palestrina

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSVUE)

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!

Thanks Be to God!

Message

“Blessed Rewards”

Rev. Joellyn Tuttle

RESPONDING

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Moderato from ‘Sonata No. 5’
by Remo Vinciguerra

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

God of love and mercy, we long to live as your people and share the compassion that you first give to us. So often we hesitate, afraid to reach out, to care, to go the second mile, to truly give of ourselves. Forgive us when our actions and our words hurt other people. Have mercy on us when we simply neglect one another or are too busy to notice the needs all around us. Open our eyes and our hearts so that we might recognize all the opportunities that we have to share your love and compassion. In the divine light of Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Rev. Joellyn Tuttle

***Hymn of Preparation**

“Time Now to Gather”

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Holy Communion

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GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“We Are Called”

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

“Etude No. 3”
by Chopin

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: We thank God for the healing in the lives of people we've been praying for. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain or the Prayer List, contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch at: lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org. Your requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month before being deleted. Please let us know of your improved condition or if you desire visitation.

LGBTQ+ Vow Renewal Ceremony Next Sunday

Please join us for our first ever Vow Renewal made possible by changes at the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our Vow Renewal will be led by Pastor Alicia Wood. The couples participating are married and will renew their vows at this Reconciling Sunday celebration, giving them the chance to have their relationships blessed within the congregation and among friends. Reception to follow in the Memorial Room. Please attend and bring friends! For further info, contact BreedloveJami@gmail.com.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch on February 17th

The Older Adult Ministries team invites you to observe the beginning of Lent with their traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake brunch on Tuesday, February 17th at 11:30am in the Memorial Rooms. Plan to join us for pancakes, sausage, pure maple syrup, fruit, and delightful fellowship followed by a brief presentation by Rev. Quinn Caldwell, Chaplain, Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell. Look for an Evite soon or contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch if you would like to attend (lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org or 607-273-5971).

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of February 1st, 2026

Sunday, February 1st

10:30am – Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
11:30am – Coffee/Reception Time – Memorial Room
11:45am – Connections Young Adult Group – Durham Room

Monday, February 2nd

Tuesday, February 3rd

Wednesday, February 4th

Thursday, February 5th

11:00am – Crafting Group – Durham Room
6:00pm – Festival Chimes Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:15pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Dining Room

Friday, February 6th

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, February 7th

Sunday, February 8th

10:30am – Worship with Vow Renewal– Sanctuary
11:30am – Vow Renewal Reception– 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 through 11 are invited to participate in “Faith Explorers” following the “Message for Children” segment during worship (except on Communion Sundays).***

Please note: Faith Explorers will remain in the service next Sunday, February 8th, to witness the Vow Renewal of our LGBTQ+ friends. An activity packet for the children will be available from the greeters. Classroom sessions will resume Sunday, February 15th.

Newsletter Going Digital

In an effort to reduce costs, we’re asking people to consider receiving their quarterly newsletter digitally. You’ll receive a print copy of the February newsletter, but after that, you will only receive a digital copy in your email quarterly unless you let Dee in the office know you’d prefer print. If you “opt in” for a print copy, we ask that you pick it up before or after worship. Thank you for understanding the need to reduce the costs of the church as we continue to run a deficit budget.

Seeking Contributions for Spring 2026 Newsletter

We’re currently seeking contributions for our quarterly spring newsletter. Articles, announcements, photos, essays—there’s room for all of it! Please send contributions to Dee at: office@stpaulsithaca.org. **The deadline for all material is Thursday, February 19th.**

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Blest Are They



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. _____ Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. _____ Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. _____ Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. _____ Blest are they who
 cause of me. _____ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. _____
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. _____
 pure of heart; they shall see God! _____
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. _____
 yours is the king - dom. Shine for all to see. _____

Refrain

Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____



_____ Yours is the king - dom of God! _____

Time Now to Gather

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1. Time now to gath - er, time now to feel
2. Time to re - mem - ber Christ who was sent.
3. All who are hun - gry, come, and be fed.



Christ's ho - ly pres - ence grac - ing this meal.
Time to say, "Thank you" for all he meant.
Serve one an - oth - er this cup and bread.



Grain from the har - vest, fruit of the vine;
Come to this ta - ble. Come, with - out fear.
All who are trou - bled, hurt - ing, or sad,



sim - ple the sup - per, sa - cred the sign.
God will for - give you, wel - come you here.
come, and find heal - ing. Come, and be glad!

WORDS: Mary Nelson Keithahn (Luke 22:19-20)

MUSIC: John D. Horman

WELCOME SONG

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We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
 hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

*Refrain*

cit-y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly, _____



— we are called to serve one an - oth-er, _____ to



walk hum-bly with God! _____