

Prayer of Confession

Holy God with you the impossible is possible.
5,000 can be fed.
The blind can see.
The hopeless can find hope.
With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that.
We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.
We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.
We forget that you are always with us.
Forgive our small-minded ways.
Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.
But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet.
Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.
The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:
Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.
What good, good news. Amen!

Special Music

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”
by Paul Simon, arr. by Roger Emerson

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Mark 6: 32-44 (CEB)

Joellyn Tuttle

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

Message

“The Good News Is...The Impossible is Possible” *Pastor Alicia Wood*

*Hymn of Response

“We Come with Gifts, We Come with Needs”

Insert

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Let’s Stay Together”
by Al Green & Willie Mitchell

Molly MacMillan, piano

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Alicia Wood

Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly.
We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your
voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice.
So today we pray, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your
presence among us. We offer these gifts because With you, anything is possible.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

Announcements

*Affirmation of Faith

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of
Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the world.
And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of
reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“The Day is Coming”
by Mark A. Miller

Insert

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

“Feels So Good”
by Chuck Mangione

Molly MacMillan, piano

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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: 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.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of March 8th, 2026

Sunday, March 8th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

10:30am – Worship – Sanctuary
10:45am – Faith Explorers, Rm. 115 – Main Floor
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room

Monday, March 9th

4:45pm – Lay Leadership Team - ZOOM
7:00pm – Lenten Bible Study “The Last Supper” - ZOOM

Tuesday, March 10th

10:00am – Staff Meeting – ZOOM
6:00pm – Finance Meeting – ZOOM
7:15pm – Trustees Meeting - ZOOM

Wednesday, March 11th

9:45am – Coffee w/the Pastor – Durham Room

Thursday, March 12th

11:00am – Crafters Group – Durham Room
5:30p – Local & World Missions - ZOOM
6:00pm – Festival Chimes - Sanctuary
7:15pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Dining Room

Friday, March 13

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, March 14

2:00pm – Joan Reppert Celebration of Life Service –
Sanctuary and Memorial Rooms

Sunday, March 15

10:30am – Worship – Sanctuary
10:45am – Faith Explorers - Rm. 115, Main Floor
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time – Memorial Room
11:45am – Small Group Meeting – 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 through 11 are invited to participate in “Faith Explorers” following the “Message for Children” segment during worship (except on Communion Sundays).***

Announcing Two Small New Groups

St. Paul's is starting two new small groups, each with a different focus and leadership. The groups plan to meet monthly, though a regular meeting date and time will not be decided until the group forms and they decide together. Details and whom to contact can be found in your Friday email. **Please join up by Friday, March 13th if possible.**

Celebration of the Life of Joan Reppert

A celebration of the life of Joan Reppert will take place next **Saturday, March 14th at 2pm** in the sanctuary. A short reception in the Memorial Room will follow afterwards.

Upcoming United Women in Faith Meeting

United Women in Faith will hold their next gathering on **March 26 at 10am** in the Memorial Room to discuss the possibility of presenting the historical play "When the Clergy Went Underground," written by local historian Carol Kammen. Please attend!

Creating a Dynamic Strategic Plan for St. Paul's Future

We're excited to share that the Church Council is beginning the process of creating a Strategic Plan for the vibrant future of St. Paul's UMC! Rev. Aaron Bouwens, from the Annual Conference, will facilitate the process. Our first gathering is **March 22 from 12pm-4pm**. We'll keep you posted as things progress. If you have any questions, please let Pastor Alicia know. She's happy to answer your questions.

If you can, please donate some items for Code Blue's Breakfast Program! Donations like breakfast bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, cereal, and instant oatmeal ensure that participants start their day with a nutritious meal. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Lent 2026 Schedule

**Please Note: Lenten Bible Study meets every Monday at 7pm via Zoom; Lenten Wednesday Devotional meets every Wednesday at 9:45am in the Durham Room.*

Sunday, March 28th: Palm Sunday Service 10:30am – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Service 7pm – Sanctuary

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday Service 7pm – Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

TBD - Sunrise Service - Tenney's

10:30am – Easter Sunday Service w/Communion - Sanctuary

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings

we lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know

that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

We Come with Gifts; We Come in Need

Text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

We come with gifts; we come in need. We join our gifts as one that
Our gifts and strengths are not the same. Our needs are dif - ferent too but
And so, we — build com - mu - ni - ty with ev - ery gift we share, a
Oh, grant that we may come to know each gift — we have to give, to

we may meet each o - ther's needs and help God's will be done. Each
you re - ly on my sup - port as I — de - pend on you. Your
meld - ing — of di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ted in God's care. When
cul - ti - vate them grate - ful - ly to help each o - ther live and —

bles - sing that we off - er — up, each tal - ent we be - stow con -
wis - dom can en - hance my — own; my — faith can make you strong. We
I'm in pain you cry with me. I — join in your de - light. We
may the gifts that o - thers bring be — wel - comed and em - braced to

tri - butes to the com - mon good and helps the Kin - dom grow.
share our — gifts. We share our needs. We love and we be - long
suf - fer — and we cel - e - brate. We turn the wrong to right.
make this — fear - ful, ang - ry world a just — and joy - ful place.

Biblical reference: 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

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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 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 B-flat key signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a B-flat key signature. The music is written in a single system, with a double bar line at the end of each staff.

The Day Is Coming



1. The lands in long - ing _____ call out your
 2. With will - ing spir - its, _____ Lord, let us
 3. A bar - ren waste - land _____ we must re -



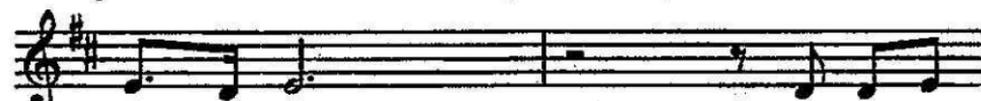
name;
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 claim,
 the tongues are dif - ferent, _____ the prayer the
 to kneel with stran - gers _____ and join in
 with hearts for bear - ing _____ each oth - er's



same.
 prayer.
 pain.
 With hum - ble spir - its _____ can we be -
 Grant in your mer - cy _____ the hope that
 Grant us the cour - age _____ to make a



lieve
 heals,
 place
 that God is big - ger than
 the law of love _____ your
 to plant to - mor - row's



we con - ceive?
 word re - veals.
 seeds of peace.
 The day is



com - ing, _____ the Lord will move with the hand of



jus - tice _____ and the heart of love. The will of



heav - en _____ on this earth be done; the day is



com - ing, _____ oh let it come. 1., 2.



come. 3. The day is com - ing, _____ oh let it come.

From: *Roll Down, Justice!* (CGBK72).

Text: Laurie Zelman.

Music: *The Day Is Coming*, by Mark A. Miller.

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