

Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course
Saturdays, May 2 and 9
Memorial Rooms, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join us in exploring your call to service, understanding your Spiritual gifts, and developing servant leadership to empower St. Paul's ministries together!. The cost is \$15, to register contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch.

Save the Date!

Please join Pastor Alicia and Cheryl McGraw for The Wednesday Evening Supper Club on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Rooms. This will be a very informal monthly gathering on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Bring your own supper (including beverage, plates, silverware) and invite a friend to come with you! After supper we will play some very easy to learn board or card games. Contact Cheryl McGraw, cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu, if you have questions including suggestions for games.

Postal Stamp Collection

Please bring in U. S. Postage Stamps for immigrants in detention. Many immigrants in detention are working within the immigration system to receive a working visa or another immigration status. We are collecting these stamps for our siblings with Immigration Solidarity and a box has been placed outside the sanctuary for this collection.

Donations Needed for Code Blue Breakfast Program

Donations like breakfast bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, cereal, and instant oatmeal ensure that participants start their day with a nutritious meal. Items can be placed in the Code Blue bin outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Pastor Alicia will be on **vacation from April 9-21**. Jami Breedlove-Crouch will be preaching and caring for the everyday needs of the congregation. Rev. Joellyn Tuttle and Rev. Pam Carey will be providing emergency pastoral care. Thank you Jami, Michelle, David, Joellyn and Pam for your support!

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of April 12, 2026

Sunday, April 12

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

Monday, April 13

4:45 pm – Lay Leadership Team – Zoom

Tuesday, April 14

6:00 pm – Finance Meeting - Zoom
7:15 pm – Finance Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, April 16

6:00 pm – Festival Chimes rehearsal-Sanctuary
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal – Dining Room

Sunday, April 19

10:30am – Worship - Sanctuary
10:45am – Faith Explorers – Rm. 115, Main Floor
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship – Memorial Rooms
12:00 pm – Social Small Group Lunch - Memorial Rooms



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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



Sunday, April 12, 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

"Morning Mist"
by Grace Callahan

John White, organ

Greetings and Welcome

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

Centering Music

"Intrada"
by Ovid Young

John White, organ

***Call to Worship**

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvation work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Great is thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

Great is Thy faithfulness
Worship of the Father — His Faithfulness

D G A D G D/F# E7 A

1. "Great is Thy faith - fulness," O God my Fa - ther, There is no sha - dow of turn - ing with Thee;

9 A/G D/F# G D G E/G# D/A A7 D

Thou chang est not, Thy com - pas sions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.

Em7 A D B Em7 A D/F# A/E E7 A

Chorus

17 (C) "Great is Thy faith fulness!" "Great is Thy faith fulness!" Morn ing by morn ing new mer - cies I see;

25 A/G D/F# G D G E/G# D/A A7 D

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed— "Great is Thy faith - fulness," Lord, un - to me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God's Children

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Special Music

John White, piano

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Kathie Modisher

Message

“Believe it or not!”

Jami Breedlove -Crouch

Prayers of the People

RESPONDING

***Hymn**

“Great is the Lord”

FWS #2022

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves, He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice

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Great are You Lord and worthy of praise
Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice

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Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“The Musical Clocks”

John White, organ
by F.J. Haydn

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you for these gifts that we dedicate to you for the furtherance of the gospel. Call each of us to contribute knowing that you will sustain our finances as well as our spirits when we surrender our all to you.

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“What A Mighty God We Serve”

FWS #2021

What a mighty God we serve,
What a mighty God we serve,
Heaven and earth adore him,
Angels bow before him,
What a mighty God we serve!

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”
by Henry Purcell

John White, organ

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God's healing in all of our lives.

For **Prayer Chain** Requests, confidential concerns seen only by those who participate in the Prayer Chain, please contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch, lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org.

If this is your first visit with us today we are thrilled that you are here!

Please fill out the Connection Card in the pew and place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit, and join us for snacks and conversation in the Memorial Rooms so we can greet you and get to know you a little better!

We pray God brings you back to worship with us again ~ blessings!

Our speaker and worship leader for the next two weeks is Jami Breedlove-Crouch. Jami is the Loving Care Ministries Coordinator at St. Paul's UMC and a Lay Servant Speaker. Jami serves as St. Paul's Lay Member at the Upper NY Annual Conference and as the Finger Lakes Lay Servant and Lay Ministries Leader.

We Cherish Children in 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.

Beautiful Hanging Baskets, Oh My!

Festival Chimes, St. Paul's Handbell Choir, is once again selling hanging baskets as a fundraiser during the month of April. The plants are locally grown in a green house, not from a big box store! Consider the beauty of a hanging basket of Million Bells, Geranium, and Petunia; or perhaps you and a friend would like to share a flat (48 plants) of Begonia, Impatiens or Coleus. To order, pick up an order form in the hallway near the Festival Chimes Poster Display, return with payment to the manila envelope in Dorothy's mailslot or place in the offering plate **by April 30**. Flowers are to be picked up on Saturday, May 16th from 10-12pm. Phone 607-277-0759 if you would like to order a different color basket or type of flat.