

Coffee with Pastor Alicia Resumes!

Coffee (or Tea) with the Pastor resumes weekly beginning **June 3, 9:30-10:30 am in the Pastor's office**. Join Pastor Alicia for a short devotional, followed by a conversation about how our faith intersects with the news or issues of the week. No RSVP necessary, just pop in.

Lay Leadership Luncheon

St Paul's United Methodist Lay Leadership Team invites everyone interested in a vibrant, engaging faith community to the next lunch conversation **following worship on June 7**. Your ideas and input are *essential* to mapping out our Strategic Action Plan for the next year-plus! Bring your curiosity, levity and appetite to lunch, prepared by the Lay Leadership Team.

Older Adult Ministry Picnic

Please mark your calendars now for our traditional “Bring-Your-Own-Lunch” picnic at the Stewart Park Small Pavilion on **Tuesday, June 9, 12:00 - 1:30 pm**. We'll usher in summer by the lake and learn about the “Threshold Singers” and their service as part of Hospicare in Ithaca. Look for an Evite soon or contact the church office, office@stpaulsithaca.org, if you would like to attend.

Farewell Ministry Service at Casowasco

Please join the Conference Camp & Retreats Ministry Team on **Sunday, June 14**, for a Celebration of Ministry at Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center. The site **opens at 3:00 pm, with the service beginning at 4:00 pm**. Afterward, enjoy time to walk the grounds and gather around a campfire until 8:00 pm.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of May 31, 2026

Sunday, May 31~Pentecost

10:30 am – Worship~Sanctuary
11:30 am – Ordination Celebration~Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, June 2

10:00 am – Staff Meeting~ZOOM

Wednesday, June 3

9:30 am – Coffee with the Pastor~Pastor's office
7:00 pm – Staff Parish Relations Committee-ZOOM

Thursday, June 4

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal~Dining Room

Sunday, June 7

10:30 am – Worship w/Communion~Sanctuary
11:45 am – Lay Leadership Luncheon~Memorial Rooms



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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



Sunday, May 31, 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 "Partnership for Equality" *Molly MacMillan, piano*
by Dia Yonzon and Manisha Basnyat

Greetings and Welcome *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Centering Music "Bach Choral" *Molly MacMillan, piano*
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
by J S Bach

***Call to Worship** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love.

Open our hearts And our minds to your presence with us.

Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts — speak your Word and give order and form and new creation.

Take the failures and defeats, the guilt and the shame that bind our spirits — speak your Word and set us free. Take our longings for your goodness to shape our lives, this community, the hurting world —

speak your Word and infuse us with your courage, your hope and your love.

Then, awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us. We ask in Jesus' name, who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace

to those who are waiting, longing, hoping, for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Saviour who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “I Dream of a Church” Insert
by Mark Miller

***Sharing Peace & Love with All** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music “We, The People of God” *Chancel Choir*
by Jean Anne Shafferman

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB) *Elle Petrucco*
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God!

Hymn “Pass It On” UMH #572

Message “Coming and Going” *Pastor Jack Keating*

RESPONDING

***Hymn** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

Prayers of the People *Jami Breedlove-Crouch*

Offertory “The Least of These” *Colin Keating, vocals & piano*
by Matt Maher/John Tibbs

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” UMH #94

***Unison Prayer of Dedication** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use

these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** “A Place at the Table” Insert

***Benediction**

Postlude “Vivace from Sonatina” *Molly MacMillan, piano*
by Friedrich Kuhlau

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God’s healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Marilou Slattery’s Aunt Lois Klatt and family; Marilou's cousin Linda King and husband Gordan. For **Prayer Chain** Requests, 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 yellow Connect Card in the pew, place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit.

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.

Mission of the Month

May is our semi-annual Spring collection for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard (IKC). IKC is supported by donations and currently needs: **bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste, diapers (any size), baby wipes, adult diapers (Large and XL)**; a collection box is located in the Narthex.

IKC is also in need of summer Friday volunteers from 1:00-2:30 pm. Please contact Jennifer Stevens, jstevenscolvin@yahoo.com, if you could volunteer over the summer.

As we have heard throughout the month of May, St. Paul's has supported the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard for decades. We invite you to share God's love through this feeding ministry by volunteering on Friday afternoons.

I Dream of a Church

(Lyrics not available at press time)

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 3]

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 4]

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 5]

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 6]

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

“A Place at the Table”

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. [Refrain]

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. [Refrain]

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]