

## **Ithaca Welcomes Refugees**

Ithaca Welcomes Refugees (IWR) partners with newly arrived refugees and immigrants as they rebuild their lives in Tompkins County. IWR staff and volunteers help with securing housing, setting up homes, and navigating a wide range of resettlement hurdles over time, which includes providing trauma-informed early childhood education through Global Roots Play School. Global Roots rents classroom/playground/gym space at St. Paul's for children ages 18 months-5 years, Monday-Thursday mornings, 9 am – 12 pm. IWR also maintains a Crisis Fund to provide basic aid if a refugee partner finds themselves in extreme circumstances. **IWR's Spring Appeal aims to raise \$80,000 by June 15** to ensure assistance for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. To donate, visit [www.ithacawelcomesrefugees.org/make-a-gift](http://www.ithacawelcomesrefugees.org/make-a-gift) or mail a check to Ithaca Welcomes Refugees, 315 N. Cayuga St, Ithaca, NY 14850.

### **Farewell Ministry Service at Casowasco**

Please join the Conference Camp & Retreats Ministry Team today, **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.

### **Join us at the Ballpark!**

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual "United Methodist Night" at the ballpark game is the Syracuse Mets vs. Omaha Storm Chasers on **Thursday, August 6 at 6:35 pm, Syracuse's NBT Stadium**. Tickets cost \$18 and need to be purchased by **July 15**. Please sign up at the table in the Narthex. Checks made payable to SPUMC, "Baseball Game" in the memo line.

#### ***St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of June 14, 2026***

##### **Sunday, June 14**

10:30 am – Worship~Sanctuary  
11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship ~Memorial Rms

##### **Tuesday, June 16**

7:00 pm – Church Council  
~Memorial Rooms/ZOOM

##### **Wednesday, June 17**

9:30 am – Coffee with Pastor Alicia  
~Pastor's office  
5:30 pm – Wednesday Evening Supper Club  
~Memorial Rooms

##### **Thursday, June 18**

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

##### **Sunday, June 21**

10:30 am – Worship ~Sanctuary  
11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship ~Memorial Rooms



# Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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



**Sunday, June 14, 2026 - 10:30 am Service**

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*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.*

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## GATHERING

**Gathering Music** "Where Do I Go" *Molly MacMillan, piano*  
by Galt MacDermot/Gerome Ragni, Jim Rado

**Greetings and Welcome** *Pastor Alicia Wood*

**Centering Music** "Menuet" *Molly MacMillan, piano*  
Composer unknown

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

We are from north and south.

**We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.**

We are from this city and from others far away.

**We are from big families and dinners made for one.**

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

**We are from hot summers and cold winters.**

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,  
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

**We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.**

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

**Today we are together.**

Holy God, gather us in.

**\*Opening Hymn** "A Covenant of Grace" *Insert*

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

## PROCLAIMING

### **A Message for All God's Children**

#### **Special Music**

by John Rutter

"Distant Land"

*Chancel Choir*

#### **Scripture**

Genesis 2: 7-8, John 1:35-49 (CEB)  
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Joellyn Tuttle*

#### **Hymn**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH #560

#### **Message**

"I've Been Meaning to Ask, Where Are You From?"

*Pastor Alicia Wood*

## RESPONDING

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Karen Kaufmann*

#### **Offering our Gifts to God**

*Pastor Alicia Wood*

#### **Offertory**

"Where or When"  
by Richard Rogers/Lorenz Hart

*Molly MacMillan, piano*

#### **\*Doxology**

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

#### **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

*Pastor Alicia Wood*

**Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, but you find me anyway. I don't always know how to listen, but you are in my ears all the same. I don't always know how to believe, but you surround me with beauty and I find myself held together in love. I'm not always sure what to give but you nudge me in ways to give I don't always understand. Where I come from there are so many distractions. Where I come from there is so much noise. Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

### **Announcements**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

UMH #548

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

“Point of Return”  
by Paul Ferguson

*Molly MacMillan, piano*

### **-----PRAYERS-----**

We are thankful for God’s healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Marilou Slattery’s family with the passing of her Aunt Lois Klatt; Marilou's cousin Linda King and husband Gordan; Julian Bea’s grandson; Carolyn Bartell’ Andreanna and Andrea Zheng. For **Prayer Chain** Requests, please contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch, [lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto: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.

### **Coffee with Pastor!**

Coffee (or Tea) with the Pastor meets on **Wednesdays, 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!

### **Wednesday Evening Supper Club**

*The Wednesday Evening Supper Club* will meet in the Memorial Rooms this **Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 pm** and we would love for you to join us! Bring your own supper, beverage, plate/utensils. After supper, we will play an easy to learn board or card game. This is an informal gathering and a great time to invite a friend. Last month we had wonderful conversations and fun playing “Tenzi.” RSVP to Cheryl McGraw, [cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu](mailto:cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu), or drop in if you find yourself available.

# A Covenant of Grace (Old Hundredth)

OLD HUNDREDTH (8.8.8.8)

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Louis Bourgeois (1551)

♩ = 80

We all come from the dus - ty earth And from the  
We all have wounds that no one sees Op - pres - sion,  
We all need peo - ple who will be With us in  
Sur - prised by God's un - bound - ed love From ma - ny

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pla - ces of our birth An - ces - tral sto - ries, who  
trau - ma, and our dis - ease When we bear wit - ness to  
sol - i - dar i - ty No ex - pla - na - tion, no  
walks of life we come To build a cov - e - nant

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we'll be We bring it all to "come and see"  
the pain It can be - gin to heal a - gain  
de - fense Just min - is - try of their pre - sence  
of grace And in our diff - ren - ces em - brace

## **Help Us Accept Each Other**

**1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

**2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.**

**4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

## **In Christ There Is No East or West**

**1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.**

**2. In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind**

**3. Join hands, then, children of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as a child  
Is surely kin to me.**

**4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him,  
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.**