

## **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 needs aid if a refugee partner finds themselves in extreme circumstances. Currently, many of IWR's refugee partners are experiencing sustained periods of crisis, due in part to harmful new federal immigration policies. IWR's Spring Appeal aims to raise \$80,000 by June 15th to ensure assistance for our refugee and immigrant. 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 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 June 7, 2026***

#### **Sunday, June 7**

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

#### **Monday, June 8**

4:45 pm – Lay Leadership Team~ZOOM

#### **Tuesday, June 9**

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

#### **Wednesday, June 10**

9:30 am – Coffee with the Pastor~Pastor's office

#### **Thursday, June 11**

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room  
5:30 pm – Local & World Missions Meeting-ZOOM  
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal~Dining Room

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

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





## Announcements

### \*Closing Hymn

“We are the Church”

UMH #558

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

“Heartsong”  
by Fred Hersch

*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.

### **Lay Leadership Luncheon**

St Paul’s United Methodist Lay Leadership Team invites everyone interested in a vibrant, engaging faith community to our lunch conversation **following worship today, 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.

### **Coffee with Pastor Alicia Resumes!**

Coffee (or Tea) with the Pastor resumed on **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.

### **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](mailto:office@stpaulsithaca.org), if you would like to attend.

## **Jesus loves me UMH #191**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me."

(Refrain)

3. Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.

(Refrain)

## **Holy Ground TFWS #2272**

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in His presence on holy ground

## **We are the Church UMH #558**

Refrain: I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building,

the church is not a steeple,

the church is not a resting place,

the church is a people. (Refrain)

We're many kinds of people,

with many kinds of faces,

all colors and all ages, too,

from all times and places (Refrain)

Sometimes the church is marching,

sometimes it's bravely burning,

sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,

always it's learning (Refrain)

And when the people gather

there's sing and there's praying,

there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,

all of it saying (Refrain)

