

Mission of the Month: Blue Cabinets

Community members have set up blue outdoor food cabinets across the region. These cabinets are regularly stocked with non-perishable food and household items, and are open to anyone, 24/7. *“Take what you need, leave what you can.”* Non-perishable, shelf stable items are best: cereal, tuna, pb, jelly, sugar, powdered milk...**we are encouraging donations of breakfast items (cereal), bar soap and deodorant.** Donated items can be placed in the blue container in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.

United Methodist Summer Camps

UNY UMC Camps & Retreat Centers are still accepting summer campers. If you are interested in attending camp, register online or contact Pastor Alicia, St. Paul's would love to support you. Our closest camp is now Sky Lake and there are three other camps to choose from, <https://skylakecenter.org/summer-camp/2026-summer-programs/> or <https://www.unyumc.org/crm>.

Community Engagement Planning Meeting

We would like St. Paul's to become more involved in community events. If you would like to be a part of the planning and/or participation, please join us **tomorrow night, July 20 @ 6:30 pm** in the Pastor's Office or email pastor@stpaulsithaca.org.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday, July 19

10:30 am – Worship~LL Dining Room
11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship~LL DR
12:00 pm – Social Small Group Lunch
~Memorial Rooms

Monday, July 20

6:30 pm – Community Engagement
Planning Meeting~Pastor's office

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 am – Staff meeting~Zoom

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room

Sunday, July 26

10:30 am – Worship ~LL Dining Room
11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship ~ LL DR



Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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



Sunday, July 19, 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.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream music, ONE LICENSE #A-728210. Sermon series comes from "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." @ sanctifiedart.org.

**Indicates a standing portion of the service, please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

"Tapestry"
by Carol King

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greetings and Welcome

Pastor Alicia Wood

Centering Music

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557, v1

*Call to Worship

Pastor Alicia Wood

Great Spirit, give us hearts to understand;

Never to take from creation's beauty more than we give;

Never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed;

**Never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's
beauty;**

Never to take from her what we cannot use.

Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst,

help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution,

help us to find the way to cleanse your waters,

Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed,

help us to find a way to replenish them.

Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost

in selfishness and corruption,

help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

(excerpted from <http://www.firstpeople.us>)

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

Pastor Alicia Wood

***Opening Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH #145

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God’s Children

Special Music

“Pie Jesu”
by Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Molly MacMillan, piano
Natalie Blackmur and
Susanne Morgan, vocals*

Scripture

Genesis 1: excerpts from 1-31 (NRSVUE)
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!

Patty Sipman

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH #92

Message

“Woven”

Pastor Alicia Wood

RESPONDING

Hymn

“Kum Ba Yah”

UMH #494, v 1, 3, 4

Prayers of the People

Jami Breedlove-Crouch

Prayers at the Cross

“Kum Ba Yah”

UMH #494, v 1, 5, 6

Offering our Gifts to God

Pastor Alicia Wood

Offertory

“A Lotus on Irish Streams”
by John McLaughlin

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Doxology**

UMH #94

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Alicia Wood

Compassionate Creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts we return, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Let these gifts, given in trust, be signs of our

partnership in the renewal of all creation. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. Amen.

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH #139, v1, 4, 5

***Benediction**

Postlude “Sonata No. 1” *Molly MacMillan, piano*
by Scarlatti

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God’s healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier. 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, place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit.

Wednesday Evening Supper Club

The Wednesday Evening Supper Club has been rescheduled to meet in the Memorial Rooms this **Wednesday, July 22 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. RSVP to Cheryl McGraw, cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu, or drop in if you find yourself available.

Beat the Summer Heat

In July and August our Worship and Coffee/Fellowship time will be in the *cool, lower level* Dining Room. This gives us a chance to worship in a more intimate space and pray it brings us closer as a church family.

Thinking of Membership at St. Paul's?

A new member class will gather this August. Please contact Pastor Alicia, pastor@stpaulsithaca.org, if you have any questions or are interested in learning more about membership at St. Paul's UMC!

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,



Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
 Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

For the beauty of the earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

“Kum Ba Yah”

UMH #494, v 1, 3, 4

Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's
 3 Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's
 4 Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Come by here

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH #139, v1, 4, 5

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,

spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly forever adore him.