

What's your favorite hymn?

On September 27 we will celebrate "The Rhythm of Our Faith" with our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir and your favorite hymns! Please be ready to share your favorite hymn and why on a special form that will be provided throughout August.

American Red Cross Tompkins County Blood Drive

The **American Red Cross has declared a national blood crisis**, and some critical blood types have fallen below a one-day supply. Without enough donors stepping forward, patients may face delays in receiving the care they desperately need. You can make a difference. A single blood donation can help save more than one life and provide hope to patients and families during their most challenging moments. Helping share the need for blood has the power to ensure that hospitals have the blood products they need when every second counts. **Help make sure patients receive lifesaving medical treatments.** Together, we can strengthen our community, support local hospitals, and provide a lifeline to those in need. Find dates and locations at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or 1-800-REDCROSS.

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2

10:30 am – Worship~LL Dining Room

11:45 am – Coffee/Fellowship~LL DR

Monday, August 3

6:45 pm – Building Beloved Community
Bible Study ~ Memorial Rm.

Wednesday, August 5

9:30 am – Coffee w/Pastor Alicia
~ Pastor's Office

7:00 pm – Staff Parish Relations Committee
~ Zoom

Thursday, August 6

11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room

6:35 pm – UM Night @ Syracuse Ballpark

Sunday, August 9

10:30 am – Worship w/Communion
~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, August 2, 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

"Lift Every Voice"
by J. Rosamond Johnson
and James W. Johnson

Molly MacMillan, piano

Greetings and Welcome

Pastor Alicia Wood

Centering Music

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557, v4

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Alicia Wood

Because love lifted me,

I am held in arms of support!

Because love lifted me,

I know resurrection is real!

Because love lifted me,

I am called to lift others too!

Because love lifted me,

we praise the One who gives us strength! Amen

***Sharing Peace & Love with All**

Pastor Alicia Wood

***Opening Hymn**

"Love Lifted Me"

Insert, sung 2x

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God's Children

Special Music

“Shalom”

by Molly K. Kestner/Brock M. Baker

Jackson Robinson, vocal

Molly MacMillan, piano

Scripture

John 13:1-17 (CEB)

Katrina Carpenter

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

“Everlasting God”

Insert, sung 2x

Message

“Lifted”

Pastor Alicia Wood

RESPONDING

Hymn

“On Eagle's Wings”

UMH #143

Offering our Gifts to God

Pastor Alicia Wood

Offertory

“Precious Lord”

by Thomas A. Dorsey

Jackson Robinson, vocal

Molly MacMillan, piano

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Alicia Wood

Holy Communion

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH #213

***Benediction**

Postlude

“All My Days”

by Mark Miller

Jackson Robinson, vocal

Molly MacMillan, pian

-----PRAYERS-----

We are thankful for God's healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier; Sue Orzel's Aunt Betty and stepbrother, Rick Hardesty. 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.

Four Session Hybrid Book/Bible Study

"Building Beloved Community" will begin tomorrow, **Monday, August 3 at 6:45 – 8:00 pm in the Memorial Rooms**. When fear and division threaten to take hold, faith communities face a pivotal choice: give in or rise to embody God's radical love and build inclusive, united communities. *Building Beloved Community*, a call to action from the United Methodist Council of Bishops, equips readers with theological insight, practical strategies, and inspiring global stories to resist division and foster connection. Drawing on experiences from around the world it reveals common patterns of authoritarianism and offers faithful alternatives grounded in love over fear. RSVP to Pastor Alicia, pastor@stpaulsithaca.org and reserve your \$13 book.

Mark Your Calendar

The next congregational lunch will be on **Sunday, August 23**, immediately following the worship service. We hope you will join us for a delicious, simple meal and engaging conversation.

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!

Mission of the Month: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Be a part of helping the least of these by contributing to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund allows the pastor to assist people and ministries

needing basic essentials: food, utilities, rent, and transportation. Please use the enclosed envelope, checks payable to “St. Paul’s UMC” and note PDF in the memo line. We appreciate your generosity and community support!

Centering Music

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557, v4

Love Lifted Me”

Insert, sung 2x

“Love Lifted Me”

**I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea,
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.**

Refrain

***Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!***

**All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I’ll cling
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true,
Merits my soul’s best songs,**

**Faithful, loving service too,
To Him belongs.**

Refrain

**Souls in danger look above,
Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love,
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be,
Be saved today.**

Refrain

Everlasting God

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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On Eagle's Wings

UMH #143

***And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.***

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 213

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
 3. Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bide;
 4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on

be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
 make it a tem - ple, set a - part
 our hearts to thee we o - pen wide;
 un - til our glo - rious goal is won;

the King of kings is draw - ing near;
 from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy,
 let us thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
 e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal fame

the Sav - ior of the world is here!
 a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 thy grace and love in us re - veal.
 be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!