Pastor Alicia Travels to Egypt!

Pastor Alicia will be traveling to Egypt on October 12-24, to learn more about portions of the Old Testament context. Jami Breedlove-Crouch will preach on October 18 and Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding will preach on October 25.

Trunk or Treat Fun!!

St. Paul's will host one car at the YMCA Trunk or Treat event on **Saturday, October 17, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.** Please **donate bags of child friendly candy** (no hard candy/peanuts) and/or cookie snack packs to the collection box in the narthex. We need a car volunteered, decorations for the car and 4 or 5 people to host, handing out treats to the expected 500 - 700 children. To help, contact Cheryl, cherylmcgraw@cornell.edu.

"When the Clergy Went Underground"

St. Paul's United Women in Faith are inviting you and your friends to a free dramatic reading of "When the Clergy Went Underground" at St. Paul's Sanctuary, **Friday, October 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** The play, by Carol Kammen, historian emerita of Tompkins County, is based on records written by David Evans, the late minister of the First Baptist Church in Ithaca. It recounts his experiences in the 1960s working with those who sought safe abortions when it was illegal and starting the Upstate New York /Clergy Consultation Services.

Save the Date!

On **Sunday November 15**, the Lay Leadership Team will host another all-church lunch with delicious hearty soups and heart-warming conversations, after worship in the Memorial Rooms. More details to come soon!

St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 11
10:30 am – Worship w/FE ~Sanctuary
11:30 am – Coffee/Fellowship
~ Memorial Rooms

Monday, October 12
Church offices closed in Observance of Indigenous Peoples Day
7:00 pm – *Rematriated Voices*
~Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 pm – Finance Meeting~ZOOM
7:15 pm – Trustees~ZOOM

Thursday, October 15
11:00 am – Crafting Group~Durham Room
6:00 pm – Festival Chimes rehearsal~Sanctuary
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal~DR

Sunday, October 18
10:30 am – Worship w/FE ~Sanctuary
11:30 am – Coffee/Fellowship~Memorial Rooms

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, October 11, 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 "Musette" *John White, organ*
G.F. Handel
"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"
J.C.F Fischer

Greetings and Welcome *Pastor Alicia Wood*

Centering Music "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

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

There is so much to fix about this world.
We wonder what we have to give that would make any difference.
Like Jesus' disciples, sometimes we are not sure what to do.
It feels like a daunting task.
But Jesus reminds us that just sitting down to have a meal is one way to be God's love.
We are called to give in the ways we can, treating each other…
as neighbors,
as neighbors.
Not "others."
Not "others."

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

***Opening Hymn** "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"
UMH #508 v.1,2 &5

PROCLAIMING

A Message for All God's Children

Special Music "The Awakening" *IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble*
Rosanna Eckert

Scripture Reading John 14: 8-14 (CEB) *Kathy Armbruster*
Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

Message "Show Us" *Pastor Alicia Wood*

RESPONDING

***Hymn** "Through It All" UMH #507

Prayers of the People *Jami Breedlove-Crouch*

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory "The 23rd Psalm" *IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble*
Setting by Bobby McFerrin

***Doxology** UMH #94

Praise God, the Source who makes us one,
Praise Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Our gifts we give as we've been led,
all bodies, minds, and spirits fed.
Help us show love,
Here as above,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is

an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kin-dom here on earth. Amen

GOING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "O For a World" Insert

***Benediction**

Postlude "Trumpet Tune, called *Bonduca*" *John White, organ*
Henry Purcell

-----PRAYERS----

We are thankful for God's healing in all of our lives. Please pray for Jodi Glazier; Sue Orzel's stepbrother, Rick Hardesty; Mary Lou Tenney; Mary and Matthew Boardman for healing; Linda Yetter for healing and peace. 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! Pease fill out the yellow Connect Card, place in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit.

Children's Ministries

Faith Explorers (ages 4-11) begins following the "Message For All God's Children" portion of the worship service (approx. 10:45 am). Parents/ Guardians are asked to pick up their children after worship in Room 115, just past the Memorial Rooms.

Infants - Preschoolers are invited to enjoy our new area located at the middle Sanctuary entrance. A parent/guardian is asked to stay with their children and still be part of the worshipping congregation.

Rematriated Voices

Rematriated Voices with Michelle Schenandoah is a groundbreaking talk show to empower truth, reclaim democracy, and live in balance with Mother Earth. Join us on **Monday evenings, October 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Memorial Room for viewing and reflecting on this PBS documentary series.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month. A special reception to honor Pastor Alicia will be held after worship today, **October 11 in the Memorial Rooms.**
Cards for Pastor Alicia can be placed in the box located in the Narthex.

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was
meant to be.
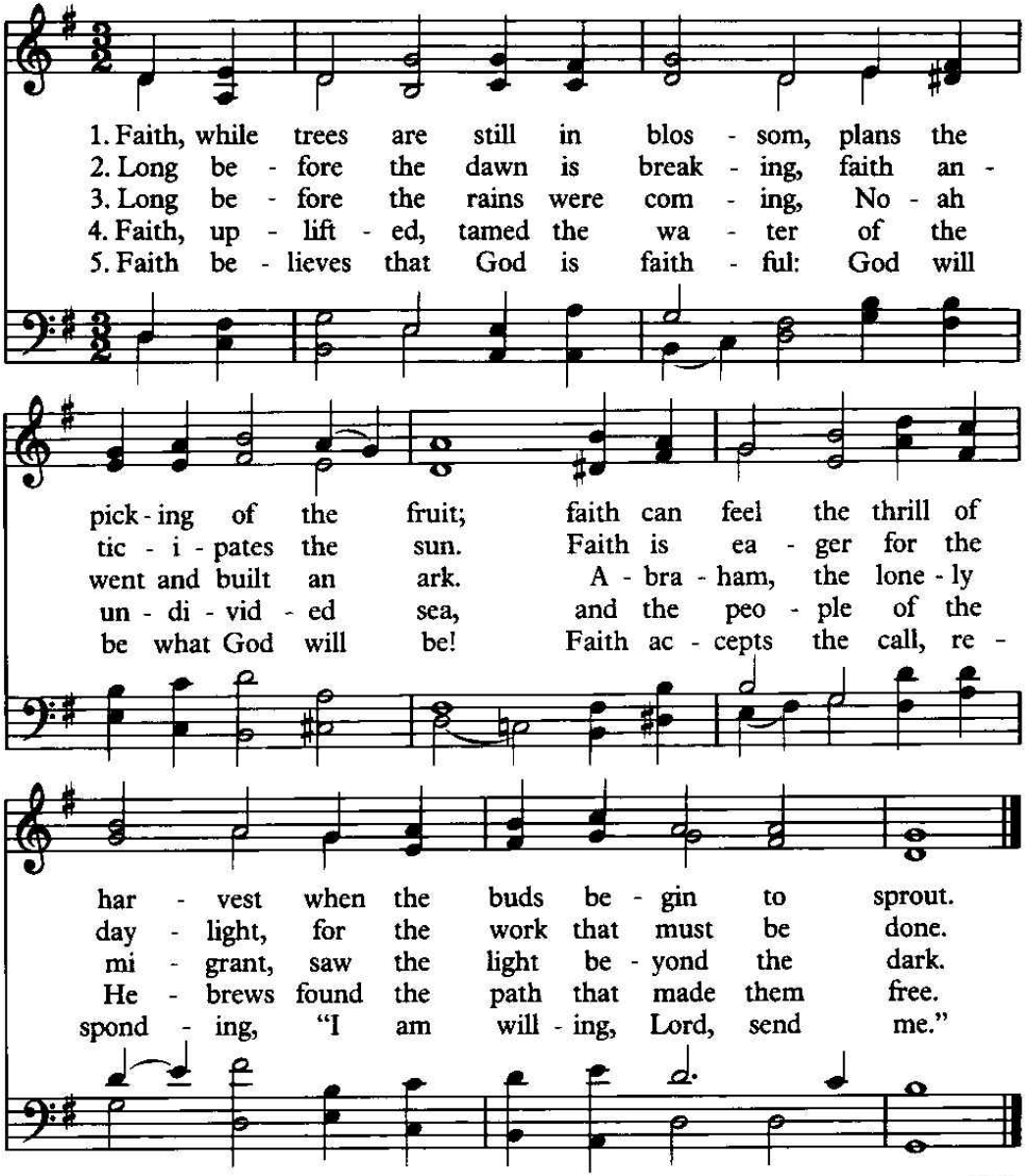
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk
with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be
my solemn vow:
to take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

"Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"

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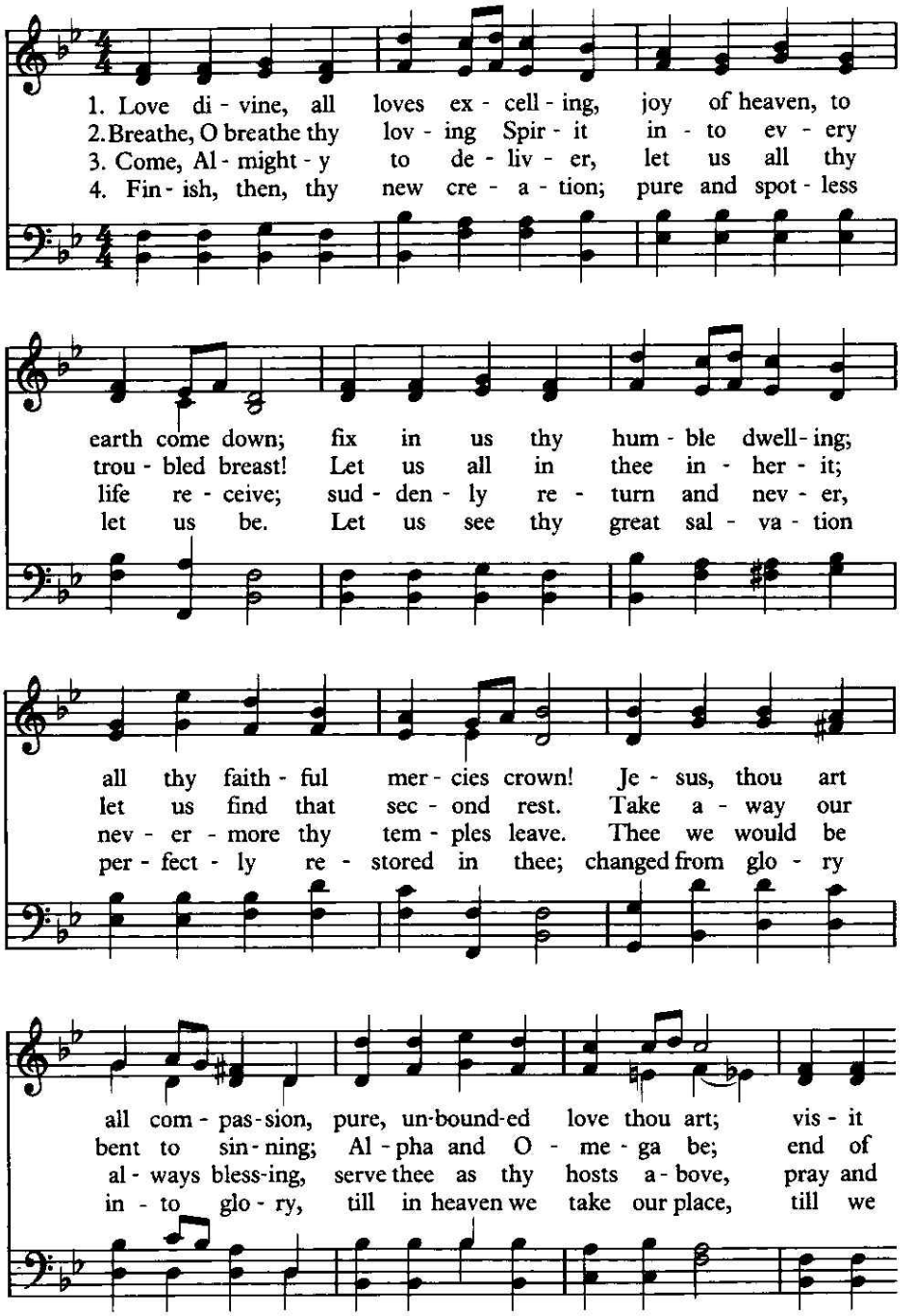


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“Through It All” **UMH #507**

Through it all,
through it all,
I’ve learned to
trust in Jesus,
I’ve learned to trust in God;

Through it all,
through it all,
I’ve learned to depend
upon God’s word.

“O For a World” Insert unavailable at press time