



November 23, 2025



St. Paul's UMC Welcoming Statement:

We believe in God's unconditional love and grace.

We affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God.

We celebrate all loving and committed relationships.

We also believe that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's Gospel.

In this spirit, St. Paul's United Methodist Church welcomes people of every race and ethnicity, culture, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, faith history, family structure, marital status, educational background and economic status into full participation in the life, leadership, ministry, and sacraments of our church.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Northport, New York
November 23, 2025 ~ 10:00AM
ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

As the faith community comes together with love, you are invited to share answers to prayer and other blessings you have experienced this week.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

L: Hallelujah!

P: AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH#694

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

"When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Song of Thanks" by Russell Nagy

CHILDREN'S TIME

Judy Korsh

Children and youth may go to Sunday School classes.

SECOND READING: John 6:25-35 (NRSV)

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON: "Receiving and Giving the Bread of Life "

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing ~ Guidance ~ Protection

THE LORD'S PRAYER**THE OFFERING**

Please consider one of these ways to donate your offering:
by check, bill pay, Venmo (@StPaulsUMC),
or Paypal (spumcFinance@optimum.net)

*Please Stand As You Are Able

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we prepare to depart, we learn how we can grow and serve throughout the week.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah” UMH#127

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The altar display is given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for all those who give of themselves and share love. – Ken & Judy Korsh

Our Thanks to This Week's Worship Team

Ushers: Ryan McGrath, Linda Sleszynski, Rob & Nina Corso

Worship Assistant: Nancy Anderson

Acolyte: Matthew Segal

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lynn & Ed McCaughey

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St. Paul's UMC Invites You to a Scheduled Zoom Worship Service
Sunday Worship at 10 am

The following instructions will be the same each week:

Dial on your phone

1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 818 1446 9508 # **Password:** 911381

Participant ID is NOT needed. Press # when prompted

To mute and unmute during worship, press

* then 6 to mute and unmute - or-

* then 9 to "raise hand" to indicate you'd like to speak

Join worship service on your computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81814469508?pwd=MnJYVFBwQ3RWd2JkeDZ4SjBDUDFIcz09>

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