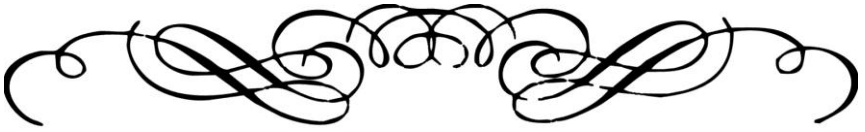




June 21, 2026



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

June 21, 2026 ~ 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: There is no hope like you, O God!

P: Hope for those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.

L: There is no grace like you, O God!

P: Grace for those rejected, ignored, and cast aside by the world.

L: There is no love like you, O God!

P: Love for those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.

L: There is no one like you, O God!

P: No one! No one! No one!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Leave It There" UMH#522

OPENING PRAYER

**When we are filled
with loss and despair,
you gladden our hearts
with your hope.**

**When everyone around us
turns a deaf ear,
you lean over and put
your hand to your ear,
to hear our cries.**

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

**There is no love like you,
Compassionate God.**

**When we long
to continue in sin,
you call us
to live with you
in the kingdom of God.**

**When we have fallen,
our souls parched by death,
you lift us up,
holding us tight to your heart,
carrying us to drink at
the deep well of living water.**

**There is no grace like you,
Brother of the hopeless.**

**When the world would stuff
our pockets with fears,
you turn them inside out,
and fill them with the
smooth stones of hope.**

**When we see nothing
on the horizon of life,
you hold up the sign
which reads 'follow Jesus!'**

**When we are weakened
by our foolish choices,
you strengthen us with
joy overflowing from your heart.**

**There is no peace like you,
Spirit of wisdom. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21 (NRSV)

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham,

playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING: Matthew 10:24-33 (NRSV)

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

SERMON: “The Wilderness Of Rejection”

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)
<https://stpaulsnorthportny.org/give>

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:** “God Will Take Care Of You” UMH#130

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



Our Thanks to This Week's Worship Team

Ushers: Pete Pasciucco, Jill Cummings, Nancy Saber

Worship Assistant: Nancy Anderson

**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=MnJYVFBwQ3RWd2JkeDZ4SjBDUDFIdz09>

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