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## **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**  
**April 14, 2024 ~ 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:** Peace be with you.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Come and see the love God has given to us.

**P:** **Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

**L:** Come with this hope, that Christ's

presence is real.

**P: With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH#140

## **OPENING PRAYER**

(Written by Rev. Laurie Bayen and Rev. Laura Baumgartner)

**God of Hope,  
We see your love  
poured out for us  
in all the world.  
Make us more like you.  
Teach us to live together  
as one community,  
human and beyond-human,  
creature and created  
to your glory,  
so your love is known  
among all the living. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and

the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**SECOND READING:** Acts 3:12-19 (NRSV)

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to

have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

**SERMON: “ I Eat, Therefore I AM ”**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Healing ~ Guidance ~ Protection**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING

*Please use the special offering to donate today to  
United Methodist Native American Ministries  
Sunday.*

Please consider one of these ways to donate  
your offering:

by check, bill pay, Venmo (@StPaulsUMC),  
or Paypal ([spumcFinance@optimum.net](mailto:spumcFinance@optimum.net))

## 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**

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

(See Liturgy)



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Christ Is Alive”

UMH#318

### **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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\*Please Stand As You Are Able

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Our Thanks to This Week's Worship Team

Accompanist: Isabella Eredita-Johnson

Ushers: Ryan McGrath, Linda Sleszynski

Worship Assistant: Nancy Anderson

Acolyte: Stina Czeisel

Coffee Hour Hosts: Marilyn & Don Proferes

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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=MnJYVFBwQ3RWd2JkeDZ4SjBDUDFIdz09>

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