



**OCTOBER 5, 2025**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
*World Communion Sunday*



**UNITED CHURCH**  
*of* **PITTSFORD**

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Karen White

**Music Director:** Alan Murphy

**Pastor:** Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

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Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.*

*\* Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

## PRELUDE

*Musical Selection*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of October Birthdays

**\*HYMN #64 (ALL)** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

**\*PRAYER OF GATHERING** (*in unison*)

On this World Communion Sunday, we thank you, O God, for the reminder that we are not alone. In every age people have known joy and struggle. So it is in this moment. Grant us wisdom, courage and discipline, that we might see and testify to this truth. May we weep with those who weep, even as we ourselves have been comforted. We pray in the spirit of grace, mercy and peace. Amen.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Do not be ashamed to testify in faith and love. God gives us not a spirit of cowardice, but of power and love. Sometimes life is torn down, war does not cease, home is far away.

**ALL: Affliction comes. People weep. Suffering prevails.**

ONE: So it is, in many places near and far. But it need not be the end. Let lament and compassion activate our faith this day.

**ALL: We confess our compassion to you, creator God, and ask only that you increase it. Let our intimate knowledge of weeping expand into concern and caring for a world so often wracked with tragedy. Let us not worry that we have to fix it all. Let us rather be encouraged, in compassion, to do the things we know we ought to do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## **\*UNISON PRAYER**

Know that sincere faith—even faith the size of a tiny seed—can work wonders in all of us. Embrace the compassion and the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Lamentations 1:1-6 NRSV

**\*MEDITATION HYMN#529 (1-5)**    How Firm a Foundation

## **SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE**

Luke 17:5-10 NRSV

**“EXPANDING FAITH”**

**Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.**

**\*INVITATION HYMN #133 (1-3)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## **COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #491 (ALL)**

Remember Me

ONE:            The Lord be with you.

ALL:            **And also with you.**

ONE:            Lift up your hearts.

ALL:            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

ONE:            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in**

**the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**ONE:** In remembrance of the mighty acts of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**ONE:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**ONE:** By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

**ONE:** And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**The Lord's Prayer (SING IN UNISON)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO  
RECEIVE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN #618 (ALL)**

Let Us Break Bread Together

**\*Response: Sing Hymn #71**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
be, World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS  
AND CONCERNS**

Pastoral Prayer

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory      *Musical Selection*

**\*Response: Sing Hymn #95**

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

**\* Prayer: Dedication of Offering**

**\*UNISON READING of THE COVENANT OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD (*Front Cover of Hymnal*)**

**\*HYMN #557 (1 only)      Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

**\*HYMN      AMEN**

**POSTLUDE      *Musical Selection***

*~ Those who are able may stand! ~*

## **Announcements**

Please join us after Worship for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

### **Today's Offering**

Today's Communion offering goes to UCP's Pastor Emergency Fund.

- **What is the Pastor's Emergency Fund?**

People in need of emergency assistance come to UCP throughout the year. We most often help them with gas for their cars or with food not available at the Pittsford Food Cupboard. They sometimes have other needs which we can help with only in small amounts (rent, utilities, prescriptions, for instance). The only funds available for this emergency assistance come from the congregation's monthly offerings on Communion Sunday.

- **Do you give cash?**

We never give cash. We provide gift cards or write checks directly to a landlord, for instance (always arranged by phone first).

- **How do funds get handed out?**

The pastor makes these decisions. Confidential records are kept to account for how these funds are used.

**Thank you for your generous spirit and desire to help people in need in our community.**

### **Pie Sale**

Believe it or not - it's pie time again. We are selling pies for Thanksgiving. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. UCP is a member of the Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP), which is part of the Habitat Greater Rochester Interfaith Builders. Our pies will once again be supplied by Special Touch Bakery. Special Touch Bakery produces premium pies while providing meaningful employment opportunities to people of all abilities.

Pie selections and prices are the same as last year! The selections are Apple Crumb, Pumpkin, Pecan, Rumbleberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb. We will have people in Howard Hall each week to take orders.

<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$20 each</b>
<b>Orders Due:</b>	<b>Sunday, November 9</b>
<b>Pickup at UCP:</b>	<b>Monday, November 24 -- 3:30 - 6:00 PM</b>

### **Calling all Bakers!**

We will have a bake sale on Tuesday, November 4th, Election Day, as polling takes place in Howard Hall. We will need your cookies, pies, bread, fudge, jellies, jams, and any other homemade items. We have had requests for gluten-free options too. As in the past, a portion of the proceeds will be designated for missions. Watch for more information soon. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

### **Coat Drive**

UCP is holding a coat drive for Spirit NYS. They are looking for COATS, hats, gloves, and scarves. Male, Female, and Unisex items in sizes Small-4x. Please drop off items in the box in Howard Hall. Deadline is Sunday, November 2nd. Questions? Contact Lynne Vasile.

## CALENDAR

Sun., Oct 12	Pastor Appreciation Day with special guest, violinist Kersten Stevens
Sun., Oct. 19	UCP 76th Anniversary / Homecoming/ Friends & Family Day 10 am & 3 pm services
Sun., Nov. 2	Coat drive deadline
Sat., Nov. 8	Pastor JD's 60th Birthday Celebration
Sun., Nov. 9	Pie Orders Due!
Mon., Nov. 24	Pie pick up at UCP - 3:30 - 6pm

## LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (Oct. 12, 2025)

### Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7;

Psalm 66:1-12;

2 Timothy 2:8-15;

Luke 17:11-19



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*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7



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secure giving page at [ucpittsford.org/give](https://ucpittsford.org/give).

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