



November 16, 2025



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Bev Barnett

Music Director: Alan Murphy

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

*A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired.
Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.*

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

CHORAL PRELUDE

UCP Choir *I'm Glory Bound* - by Berta and Sonka Poorman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #318 (1,4,5)**

Christ is Alive

***INVOCATION** (*in unison*)

God, we thank you that through Jesus you are creating a new heaven and a new earth. This is good news for us and for our world. We thank you for the call to be co-creators with you in new expressions of justice, generosity, caring, and compassion that will lead to a sharing of peace and security. We recognize that this vision is a work in progress, and so we pray that where there are divisions and conflicts, where there is hurt or misunderstanding, your Spirit will bring healing and reconciliation. In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: We gather together to claim and celebrate God present with us.

ALL: God's love brings us together as one people.

ONE: We gather together, confident that God will lead and guide us.

ALL: We are here to worship God, made known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to whom be all praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

***UNISON READING**

Help us to be channels of your grace and peace in our relationships and interactions. By what we say and do, may

we give evidence of the faith we hold and the promise we claim of new life in Christ. Bless us, as we seek to be a blessing to others. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25 NRSV

***HYMN #338 (1-4)**

Where He Leads Me

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Luke 21:5-19 NRSV

MESSAGE

“PERSISTING PARTNERSHIPS”
Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

***HYMN 375 (1-3)**

There is a Balm in Gilead

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

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Musical Selection

***Response:** #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 of Dedication for Offering**

***HYMN #526 (1-3)**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN**

Amen

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall after service.

CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 24	Pie pick up at UCP – 3:30 pm – 6pm
Thurs., Nov. 27	Interfaith Service – 11 am – Asbury First
Sat., Nov. 29	Hanging of the Greens – 10 am
Sun., Nov. 30	Christmas Flower Orders Due
	Adopt-a-Family Gifts Due
Sun., Dec. 14	John Williams Piano Concert – 7 pm
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm

From the Missions Committee

Our Thanksgiving offering will again go to Family Promise of Greater Rochester. Family Promise assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community.

Pie Pick Up

Many thanks to all of you who purchased pies to support Habitat for Humanity (and Special Touch Bakery). **Please pick up your pies at UCP on Mon., Nov. 24, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.** Your order form will be attached to your pie. Questions? Contact Verna Hazen.

Interfaith Service – Thanksgiving Day

Please join Pastor JD at the 150-year-old, annual Interfaith Service at Asbury First on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, at 11 am. All are welcome. 1050 East Ave.

Bring a Family Joy This Christmas

From the Missions Committee: Once again the UCP family will be bringing joy to a local family through the Family Promise of Greater Rochester's Adopt-a-Family program. This year we will be providing gifts to a mother and son. The mother is a cancer survivor. The son, who is 18, has MS. The family wish list and sign-up will be posted in Howard Hall on Sunday. Gifts are due to Family Promise by Friday, December 5th, so **we would like to have the gifts collected at UCP by Sunday, November 30.** Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Flowers

It's time to order Christmas Flowers! See the order form insert in today's bulletin. **Please order by Sun., Nov. 30th.** Questions or phone orders, please contact Jen at 749-4758.

Lectionary Texts for next week (November 23, 2025)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



GET READY FOR ADVENT!!

Want to get into the Christmas spirit early? Come and join us at church on **Saturday, November 29th**.

Starting at 10:00 AM we'll be preparing and putting up all the wreaths, Christmas trees and other decorations in the Sanctuary, Howard Hall and the rest of the church, ready for our Hanging of the Greens service the following morning.

This is a fun time. It isn't hard work, and it's a great opportunity for fellowship as you get into the Advent mood.

There's no need to sign up — just come along on the Saturday morning. If you have any questions, give me a call at 381-2189. See you there!



Donella Ashworth



UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD

*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

Scan this QR code with your cell phone to access
UCP's secure giving page at **ucpittsford.org/give**.
Once there, choose from the following funds:



General Offering
Memorial Fund
Capital Improvements, Repairs &
Replacements
Missions
Music
Pastor Appreciation
Christian Education
Fellowship

For more ways to give, please see the
WAYS TO GIVE card in the seatback.

Thank you for your support.