



April 14, 2024
Family & Friends Day
Purple Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Audrey Johnson
Music Director: Lilian (Yiou) Li
Pastor: Reverend Julius "JD" Jackson, Jr.

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

* Indicates: Those who are able may stand.

CHORALE PRELUDE *Awake, the Voice is Sounding*
(arr. W. Kempff)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #139 (1,2,3)** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF GATHERING (*in unison*)

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We are called to be God's children.

ALL: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

ONE: Fear and doubt are gone!

ALL: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

ONE: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

ALL: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. AMEN!

CHRISTIAN LIFE MOMENT

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:

Arlene Wilson & Bonnie A. Webster

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins.

UNISON PRAYER

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon us, now and forever. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

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...

CHOIR MOMENT

CHOIR ONLY *For All His Blessings* Steve Danyew

CHOIR WITH CONGREGATION

***HYMN# 378 (1,2,4)** *Amazing Grace*

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Luke 24:36B-48 NRSV "OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"
Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

***HYMN #369 (1,2,3)**

Blessed Assurance

**MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS
AND CONCERNS/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
VISITORS**

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Offertory *Bach – Siciliano* (arr. William Kempff)

*Prayer of Dedication

***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.**

*HYMN #474 (All) Precious Lord, Take My Hand

POSTLUDE *Spirit Medley* (arr. Glenda Austin)

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

Calendar

April 23	Lilian & Qisheng Piano Concert - 7 pm
May 16	CRCDS Awards Dinner - 6:30 pm.
June 2	Watkins Lounge Dedication
June 9	Children's Sunday

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (April 21, 2024)

Acts 4:5-12;

Psalm 23;

1 John 3:16-24;

John 10:11-18