



April 21, 2024



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Sharon Cree

Music Director: Lilian (Yiou) Li

Pastor: Reverend Julius "JD" Jackson, Jr.

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Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.

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

PRELUDE *Sweet By and By* Guy Lo Duca (arr.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #400 (ALL)** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF GATHERING (*in unison*)

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

ALL: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

ONE: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

ALL: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

ONE: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

ALL: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.

CHRISTIAN LIFE MOMENT Judi Yaneka

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins.

UNISON PRAYER

In the midst of all fear, God is with you. God does not abandon you. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:5-12 NRSV

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

***HYMN# 328**

Surely The Presence of the Lord

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

John 10:11-18 NRSV

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

***HYMN #462 (1,2,3)**

Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

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

Pastoral Prayer

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Offertory

Arioso

J.S. Bach

*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 #577 (1,3,4)**

God of Grace and God of Glory

POSTLUDE

How Great The Wisdom and the Love

HYMN

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

From the Missions Committee

Sunday, May 12th, is “Blanket Sunday” and Mother’s Day. Once again, we will be supporting the Church World Service on that day. Congregations around the world host CWS Blanket offerings to serve God’s people near and far. Last year, Church World Service distributed over 228,000 kits and blankets to locations both within the United States and internationally. Included were baby kits and welcome backpacks, school kits, cleanup buckets, hygiene kits and blankets. *Thank you for your generous support.*

Events

Lilian and Qisheng Farewell Concert

Tuesday, April 23rd, at 7 pm

Join us for a musical treat of beautiful music performed by our own Lilian and Qisheng. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

From Lilian and Qisheng:

“This farewell recital is our humble way of expressing sincere appreciation for the warmth, support, and friendship you have shown us throughout our time here.”

PUNS 60th Birthday

Friday, May 17th, from 5:30-7:30 pm

PUNS, the preschool that resides in our building, has a rich history with UCP that spans 60 years. Many current UCP members (and their own children) attended PUNS. *PUNS invites the UCP Community to join current students and alumni at King's Bend Park to celebrate 60 years of enriching the lives of our young children.* (BYO food and drink. Ice cream truck on site from 6-7pm.)

Calendar

April 23	Lilian & Qisheng Farewell Piano Concert - 7pm
May 12	Blanket Sunday
May 16	Pastor JD Awards Dinner - 6:30 pm
May 17	PUNS 60 th Anniversary Picnic at Kings Bend Park - 5:30-7:30pm
May 19	Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red!
June 2	Watkins Lounge Dedication
June 9	Children's Sunday
June 11	John Williams Piano Concert - 7 pm
June 19	Church Council Meeting - 7 pm
June 25	Primary Election - Polling in Howard Hall

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (April 28, 2024)

Acts 8:26-40;
Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21;
John 15:1-8



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