



**AUGUST 3, 2025**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**



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

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Verna Hazen

**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.*

## PRELUDE

*Musical Selection*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of August Birthdays

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

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

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: So many things draw us away from God.

**ALL: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.**

ONE: We place our interest in temporal things.

**ALL: But Christ calls us to a higher level.**

ONE: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

**ALL: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. AMEN.**

### **\*UNISON PRAYER**

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you may use them to help others. God walks with you and guides your steps as you reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. AMEN.

## SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11:1-11 NRSV

**\*HYMN#369 (1-3)**

Blessed Assurance

## SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

**"WATCH OUT!"**

**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 (*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 outside for Lemonade on the Lawn.

### Today's Offering

**Today's Communion offering goes to UCP's Pastor Emergency Fund.** *Thank you for your generous spirit and desire to help people in need in our community.*

### CALENDAR

September 27

UCP Fall Festival

September 29

*In This Moment* Book Launch &  
Discussion Event, featuring Pastor JD  
**\*REGISTRATION OPEN!**

October 19

UCP 76th Anniversary

### LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (August 10, 2025)

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20;

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;

Luke 12:32-40



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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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# IN THIS MOMENT

REGISTRATION OPEN!

UCP's Pastor JD is featured in Volume 3 of *In This Moment* - a series of books telling the stories of black leaders in Rochester. **On September 29th**, the two leaders featured in the newest chapbook - Pastor JD and Arlette Miller Smith, PhD - will be honored with a book launch and panel discussion.

**September 29th at 6:30 pm**  
**George Eastman Museum,**  
**Dryden Theatre.**

**FREE EVENT,**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**REGISTER TODAY AT:**  
***[inthismoment585.org](http://inthismoment585.org)***



# PAVING WORK: UCP LOT & SIDEWALKS >>>

Paving & sealing work is scheduled for UCP's parking lot and sidewalks. All paved areas on the property will be inaccessible on these dates. → →

**Sunday Worship will not be affected.**

Questions? Call 586-6870 during office hours.



**Wed. 8/6  
to Thurs.,  
8/7  
&  
Mon., 8/18  
to Tues.,  
8/19**



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