



Whoever can be trusted with
very little can also be trusted
with much, and whoever is
dishonest with very little will
also be dishonest with much.

– Luke 16:10

September 21, 2025



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Charlie Page

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Guest Minister: Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

*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

***HYMN #131 (1-3)**

We Gather Together

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

God of our salvation, you see your world laid waste with false worship, injustice, and indifference, and we tremble at your anger. Only in your tears, born out of vast love, do we find hope. Open to us the way of your tears — the way that leads us back to your love. Teach us to serve you and you alone, that you may deliver, forgive, and renew our world at last. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We look upon our world, our neighborhoods, our families, and see suffering and want.

ALL: How long, O Lord?

ONE: We see deep suffering, brutal violence, destroyed homes, and ravaged nations.

ALL: How long, O Lord?

ONE: Let your compassion come quickly to meet us, for we are brought low.

ALL: How long, O Lord?

ONE: Help us, O God of our salvation!

ALL: Help us, O Source of our hope!

***UNISON PRAYER**

The God of our salvation, the God who weeps for us and for our world, desires everyone to be saved. Christ Jesus, a human like us, gave himself as a ransom for all. Through the love of the one God and the one mediator, we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 NRSV

***MEDITATION HYMN #529 (1-3)** How Firm a Foundation

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Luke 16:1-13 NRSV

“TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE”

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***INVITATION HYMN #451(ALL)** Be Thou My Vision

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**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #191 (ALL)** Jesus Loves Me

BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

Amen

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

Flowers on the Altar

Ruth Nellis has again graced our altar with flowers. This week, Ruth dedicates the flowers "to people who give support to the people who need it." Thank you, Ruth!

TUESDAY: John Williams Piano Concert

John William returns to UCP on Tuesday at 7 pm with with "MY FAVORITE SONGS" - a one-hour, narrated piano program of popular American tunes. See you there!

NEXT SATURDAY: UCP's Fall Festival

UCP's Fall Festival is days away! We still need a few volunteers to help with this big UCP fundraiser. If you can help, please see Vicki Brouk.

NEXT SUNDAY: Hispanic Heritage Sunday

UCP celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month next Sunday, September 28th. Special guest Yolanda Rios joins us for Christian Life Moment. After morning service, please join Pastor JD at the Memorial Art Gallery from 12-5 pm for a FREE event to continue the celebration of Hispanic Heritage. Enjoy free museum admission, community and cultural tables, live dances and music.

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.

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.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY	John Williams Piano Concert – 7pm
Sat., Sept. 27	UCP Fall Festival
Sun., Sept. 28	Hispanic Heritage Sunday
Mon., Sept. 29	<i>In This Moment</i> Book Launch & Discussion Event, honoring Pastor JD
Sun., Oct 12	Special Guest, violinist Kersten Stevens
Sun., Oct. 19	UCP 76th Anniversary – 3 pm
Sun., Nov. 2	Coat drive deadline
Sat., Nov. 8	Pastor JD's 60 th Birthday Celebration

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (Sept. 28, 2025)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15;
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;
1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31



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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



Scan this code with your cell phone to access UCP's secure giving page at ucpittsford.org/give. For more ways to give, please see the **WAYS TO GIVE** card in the seatback.

Thank you for your support.

Our Guest Minister

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby



Rev Katie Jo Suddaby is an ordained pastor with the American Baptist Churches, USA. Currently, she splits her time between art, ministry, and school. She enjoys guest-preaching at churches throughout the Rochester and Finger Lakes regions.

Katie Jo is an instructor in the Creative Workshop at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, NY. There, she teaches classes on Tibetan Buddhist Sand Painting, Paper Quilling, and Art as a form of Meditation. She is also a part-time chaplain at Highland Hospital.

Adding to her already busy schedule, Katie Jo has started a second master's degree - this time in Mental Health Counseling at SUNY Brockport. Upon graduation, she plans to open a private practice that integrates art and spirituality into mental wellness.



JOHN WILLIAMS

Sept. 23rd at 7 pm

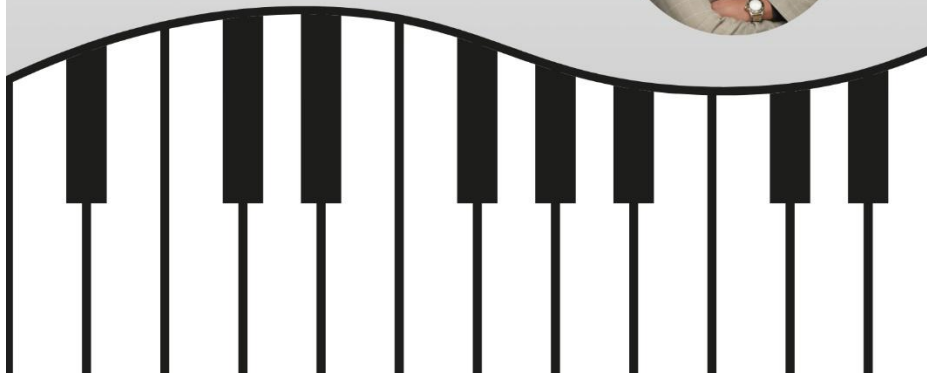
“MY FAVORITE SONGS” – PIANIST JOHN WILLIAMS RETURNS TO UCP ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, AT 7 PM** WITH A ONE-HOUR, NARRATED PROGRAM OF **FAVORITE AMERICAN POPULAR TUNES**. LEARN MORE ABOUT JOHN AND HIS LIFE THROUGH THE MUSIC HE LOVES. JOIN US!



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