



October 11, 2026



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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

Guest Minister: Rev. Lynda Myers

Music Director/ pianist: Alan Murphy

Liturgist: Judi Yaneka

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

** Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #181 (1-3)**

Ye Servants of God

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

Loving God, who is always near us, grant us freedom from fretful worry and tension that we might draw near to you. In times that are stressed and that compress, build us up with confidence and joyful anticipation of your future. We deeply need your peace to guard our hearts and minds lest we become divided. With so many forces pulling at us, draw us into the same mind that was in Jesus. Help us to live in his self-emptying love that we might stand firm in the face of withering change and that by your persistent grace ever be formed into his likeness. With Christ as our helper we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The Lord is near!

ALL: Let us stand firm in the Lord.

ONE: The Lord is near!

ALL: Let us replace fear and worry with prayer and peace.

ONE: The Lord is near!

ALL: Let us rejoice with gentleness and gratitude.

ONE: The Lord is near!

ALL: Let us unite that we might love God with all our being and neighbors as ourselves.

ONE: The Lord is near!

ALL: And the God of peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

***UNISON READING**

Loving God, because we trust too much in ourselves, the future is either too rosy or too dreadful. We want assurance but search for it in all the wrong places. In our fears and anxieties, we sometimes turn on one another and become divided. We deeply need a peace that passes all understanding. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience. Amen.

***HYMN #361 (1-3)** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14 NRSV

Morning Message – Guest Minister Rev. Lynda Myers

***HYMN #454 (ALL)** Open My Eyes, That I May See

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 #545 (1,2,5)**

The Church's One Foundation

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

October – Cereal, Rice, and individually-wrapped Snacks

Sun., Oct. 18 UCP 77th Anniversary Celebration 10 am
Wear your UCP T-shirt!
Sun., Oct. 25 Pastoral Appreciation Day

November

Sun., Nov. 1 Time Changes at 2 am
Tues., Nov. 3 Election Day & UCP Bake Sale
Sun., Nov. 8 Alzheimer's Sunday/ Purple Sunday
Pie Orders Due!
Mon., Nov. 23 Pie Pick Up at UCP – 3:30 - 6 pm

Pie Sale!

Did you order your Thanksgiving pie yet? Pie orders are open and all proceeds benefit the local Habitat for Humanity. UCP is a member of the Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP), which is part of the Habitat Greater Rochester Interfaith Builders.

Our pies will be supplied again by Special Touch Bakery. Special Touch Bakery produces premium pies while providing meaningful employment opportunities to people of all abilities.

Cost: \$20 each (*Same as last year!)

Orders begin: Sunday, October 4th

Orders due: **Sunday, November 8th**

Pickup: Monday, November 23rd - 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Selections: Apple Crumb Pumpkin, Pecan,
Rumbleberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb.
(*Same as last year!)

Giving Statements

Third quarter giving statements are in the mailboxes in Howard Hall. Statements remaining in mailboxes after 10/25 will be mailed. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Pastor JD MCC Dinner - 11/18

Mark your calendars for November 18th for MCC's Annual Salute to Excellence Dinner on November 18, 2026, at which Pastor JD will be inducted into the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame. For ticket information, see the Friday e-news.

Bake Sale on Election Day

Can you BAKE or HELP at UCP's Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 3rd? As always, a portion of the bake sale proceeds will go to UCP missions. Sign up in Howard Hall.

Wear your UCP Logo T-shirt next Sunday!

Remember to wear your UCP logo shirt for UCP's anniversary celebration next Sunday, October 18th!

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK **(October 18, 2026) - UCP 77th Anniversary**

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Today's Guest Minister

Guest Minister

Rev. Lynda J. Myers



At the age of 4, Rev. Lynda Myers met God outside of religion on a dairy farm in upstate NY. She has been on a quest ever since to deepen in her relationship with God and to share with others what it means to be in deep, meaningful relationship with the Divine through Christ.

Lynda is an honors graduate of SUNY Cortland who received a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School. Rev. Myers is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church USA and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). When she is not providing pulpit supply, Rev. Myers is Spiritual Care Chaplain at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Myers desires to serve the world and the church. Hers is a ministry of the universal church. Her message is rooted in God's love and her mission is to be an outrageous expression of that love to everyone she meets, wherever she finds herself.



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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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Thank you for your support.