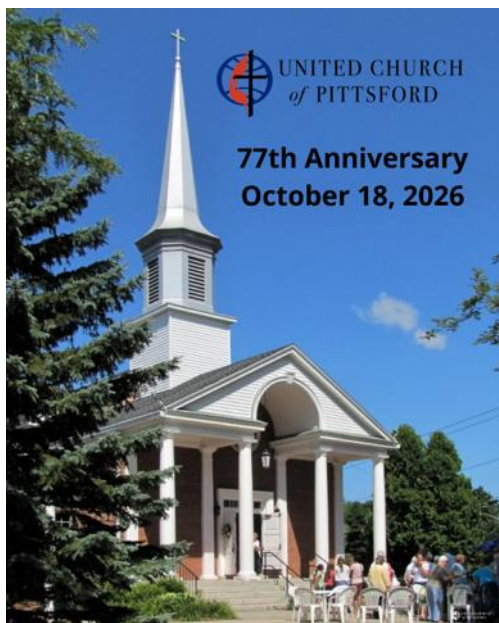




October 18, 2026
77th Anniversary Service



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Liturgist: Katie Zink

*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 #318 (ALL)**

Christ is Alive

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

O Sovereign of all that is or ever will be, we come before you this day daring to entertain what it means when your kingdom clashes with ours. We need all the mercy, grace, and spiritual wisdom you can give us to have a chance in this ordeal. You have given us the human standard in Jesus Christ. We take amazing hope in the reality that he faced these choices, lived his life fully, celebrated his humanity with others, and loved you and them to the end. Give us hope and assurance that we too can live in this tension, remain faithful, and aspire to the example of our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, people of God, into the realm of God's reign unfolding as we speak.

ALL: We come with awe and wonderment.

ONE: Come, people of God, into the clash of empires, hopeful and fearful at the same time.

ALL: We come wanting to believe in an empire of tough love and an economy of costly grace.

ONE: Come, people of God into choices that only the eyes of faith can discern.

ALL: We come with hope that God will grant us spiritual wisdom and the courage of faith.

***HYMN #352 (ALL)**

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

***UNISON READING**

O God, who is creator of all and who reigns in love over all, we seek to be transparent in this hour of worship. We confess to you that in the clash of kingdoms – yours and ours – we too often choose the immediate security, the least threat, and the most pleasurable. Keep us ever reminded that all belongs to you. Only your steadfast love, long-suffering mercy, and forgiveness can save us. We beg of you to intervene in our entrapment. Amen.

***HYMN #129 (1-4)**

Give to the Wind My Fears

SILENT READING OF THE CHURCH HISTORY WITH MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 33:12-23 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

“DUAL CITIZENSHIP”

Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***HYMN #507 (3x)**

Through it All

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 #377 (ALL)** It Is Well With My Soul

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. 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 (please purchase by 10/31/26), 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.

Lectionary Texts for next week (October 25, 2026)

Pastoral Appreciation Sunday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



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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 QR code with your cell phone to access
UCP's secure giving page at **ucpittsford.org/give**.
Once there, choose from the following funds:



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Memorial Fund
Capital Improvements,
Repairs & Replacements⁹¹
Missions
Music
Christian Education
Fellowship

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WAYS TO GIVE card in the seatback.
Thank you for your support.