



October 25, 2026
Pastor Appreciation Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Liturgist: Sharon Cree

*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 #419 (1-4)**

I am Thine, O Lord

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

Immortal, invincible, God only wise, we praise you that you are the mystery of our being, both as transcendent beyond any of our imagining and at the same time with us, even in us. We are drawn to you because we cannot fully comprehend you. Yet we believe you became one of us in Jesus Christ. You have thus bonded yourself with us, yet you are not beholden to us. You have given yourself completely to the promise that as you have become like us we can become like you. Descend upon us afresh with the power of your Holy Spirit that we might see you in our neighbors, all our neighbors both familiar and strange. Empower all of us to grow together as you would have us. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We come before the mystery that loving God and loving neighbor is somehow of one nature.

ALL: We come awed by the union of God and God's creation.

ONE: We come drawn by the mystery of being able to love God, neighbor, and self as one.

ALL: We come confessing that we are worlds apart from this divine-human union.

ONE: We come in the hope that Jesus – both human and divine- embodied this mystery.

ALL: May this time of worship infuse us with God's transforming power to unite all creation, even ourselves, into the union of God's love.

***HYMN #99 (1)**

My Tribute

***UNISON READING**

O God, we often shy away from the thought that as disciples of Jesus we are to embody Christ's presence to others. Forgive us for not grasping the awesomeness of your becoming flesh and living among us. May we take hope in your steadfast love and promise that as we love one another we are loving you and as we love you we are loving one another. Keep converting us that we might grow into the - Word-made flesh. Blessed be God, who hears and forgives. Amen.

***HYMN #171 (1-2)** There's Something About That Name

SILENT READING OF PASTOR JD's BIO

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 22:34-46 NRSV

"FLIPPING THE SCRIPT"

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

***HYMN #170 (1-3)**

O How I Love Jesus

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 #431

Let There Be Peace On Earth

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

November – Soup and Cereal

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!
Tues., Nov. 24	Pie Pick Up at UCP – 3:30 - 6 pm *** NEW DATE***

Date Change for Pie Pick Up

ATTENTION: The date has changed for pie pick up. It is now **Tuesday, November 24th**. Same time: 3:30-6 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

If you have not ordered your pie yet, pie orders are due November 8th.

Cost:	\$20 each (*Same as last year!)
Orders due:	Sunday, November 8th
Pickup:	Monday, November 24 rd - 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. **Any statements remaining after today 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 (November 1, 2026)

Communion Sunday

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12



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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
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Thank you for your support.