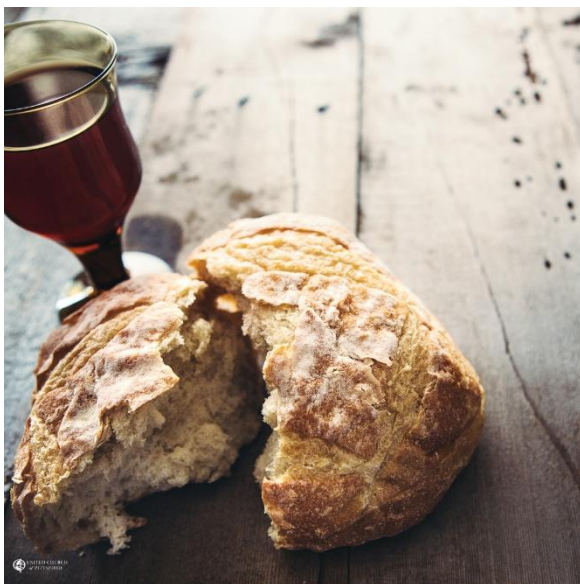




October 4, 2026
Communion Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Karen White

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 October Birthdays

***HYMN #133 (ALL)** Leaning on Everlasting Arms

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

Loving God, we can be intimidated by our understandings of you. We hear of your “law” and, clouded by our own perceptions, we cower in fear. Yet your word is a blessed thing, a gift to keep us on your path, sweeter than honey and more to be prized than the finest gold. Help us to take your law, made flesh in Jesus, into our being, and live as people in covenant with you. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: For times when we live in fear of your law.

ALL: O God Forgive us.

ONE: For times when we seek to get around your law.

ALL: O God Forgive us.

ONE: For times when we impose unfair laws on others.

ALL: O God Forgive us.

ONE: For the times when we hide behind laws and rules,
instead of sharing the love of Christ.

ALL: O God Forgive us.

ONE: Friends, know that the God who created us offers us a word of guidance and a word of hope. Our God seeks not our condemnation, but our deliverance and resurrection.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***UNISON READING**

Loving God, You have given us so much graciousness; deliverance from captivity, new life, guidance for our living, and Christ, our life. We offer you now just a portion of all you have given us, praying with faith that you will take all we have and are, and use it for your work. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Sing Hallelujah

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV

“PRODUCING FRUIT”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***INVITATION HYMN #397 (ALL)** I Need Thee Every Hour

COMMUNION

***HYMN #393** Spirit of the Loving God

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 (*Sung*)

***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.

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: Dedication of Offering**

***UNISON READING of THE COVENANT OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD** *(Front Cover of Hymnal)*

***HYMN#334 (ALL)**

Sweet Sweet Spirit

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

October – Cereal, Rice, and individually-wrapped Snacks

Sun., Oct. 11 Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Lynda Myers, Guest

Buy your UCP Logo T-shirt!

Sun., Oct. 18 UCP 77th Anniversary Celebration 10 am

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 Pie Orders Due!

Mon., Nov. 23 Pie Pick Up at UCP – 3:30 - 6 pm

Pie Sale!

We are selling pies for Thanksgiving. 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!)

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. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

UCP Logo T-shirts for October 18th

UCP logo t-shirts will be available for purchase during coffee hour next Sunday, October 11th -- just in time to wear for UCP's anniversary celebration on October 18th! So plan to bring your checkbook or cash on Sunday, October 10th.

The cost per shirt is \$15. Check or cash. Please make sure to write "t-shirts" in the memo area of your check. Limited sizes available - first come, first served. Questions? See Richard Ashworth.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

(October 11, 2026):

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106: 1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22:1-14



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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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