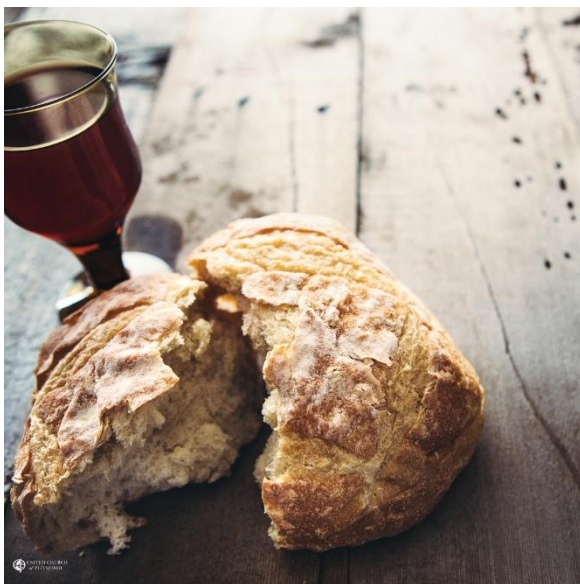




November 1, 2026
Communion Sunday



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 November Birthdays

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

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

Thanks, and praise to you, O God, for your steadfast love shown to us in the gift of this beautiful creation, the gift of home, family, and community and especially the gift of Jesus Christ. Too often we experience life as a continual struggle to elevate ourselves and achieve great success and glory. Today place us at the feet of Jesus Christ as we hear your word. Open our hearts and minds to Christ our teacher and savior and help us to see one another as fellow students and servants of Christ. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Gather us in, O God.

ALL: From east and west and north and south.

ONE: Bring us together in the light of your truth,

ALL: That we may be fed and restored in body and spirit.

ONE: Turn the deserts of our longing and despair

ALL: Into life-giving springs of forgiveness and hope.

ONE: Lead us to the feet of Jesus

ALL: That we may learn ways of humility and love.

ONE: Let us hear again of the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus,

ALL: That we may rejoice and give thanks to the Lord our God.

***HYMN #177**

He Is Lord

***UNISON READING**

God of grace, we confess to you that our deeds do not always match our words of our faith. Save us from our hypocrisy. Help us to have the mind of Christ; to live humbly seeking to do your loving will above all else. Help us to put aside our own hunger for power and glory and, instead, to hunger for the well-being and rights of others. Make us eager to share leadership especially in the church, treating all equally as brothers and sisters, in Christ. As we sit at the feet of Jesus, give us ears to listen to his word above all others. Then may that word sink deep into our hearts and minds, giving us the strength to follow in humility and faith. Above all, O God, assure us that Christ lives and is present now to forgive and strengthen us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Joshua 3:7-17 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Sing Hallelujah

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 23:1-12 NRSV

“WORTHY OF GOD”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

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

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

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

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** *(See Communion Insert or 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

November - Soups and Cereal for food cupboard

Tues., Nov. 3	Election Day & UCP Bake Sale
Sun., Nov. 8	Purple Sunday with Alzheimer's Association Wear Purple T-Shirts!
Sun., Nov. 8	Pie Orders Due
Sun., Nov. 15	Christmas Flower Order Forms Out
Tues., Nov. 24	Pie Pick Up at UCP - 3:30 - 6 pm
Sun., Nov. 29	Christmas Flower Orders Due

December

Tues., Dec. 10	Rick Holland Big Band Christmas Concert - 7 pm
Thurs., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service - 7 pm
Sun., Dec. 27	Unique Sweater Sunday

Today's Offering

Today's Communion offering goes to UCP's Pastor Emergency Fund. **Thank you for your generous spirit and desire to help people in need in our community.**

Bake Sale on Election Day

Tuesday is Election Day! (Please vote!) Thank you to those who have signed up to bake or help at UCP's Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday! As always, a portion of the bake sale proceeds will go to UCP missions. Want to help? Sign up in Howard Hall. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

Coming Soon! Christmas Flowers

Christmas flower order forms will be available on **Sunday, November 15th**. Orders will be due on **Sunday, November 29th**. We will offer the same plants at the same prices as last year. Questions? Please see Jen C.

One More Week for Pie!

Deadline to order pies is NEXT Sunday!

Cost:	\$20 each (*Same as last year!)
Orders due:	Sunday, November 8th
Pickup:	Tuesday November 24th - 3:30 - 6:00 PM
Selections:	Apple Crumb Pumpkin, Pecan, Rumbleberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb. (*Same as last year!)

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

(November 8, 2026)

Purple Sunday with Alzheimer's Association

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



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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:



General Offering
Memorial Fund
Capital Improvements,
Repairs & Replacements
Missions
Music
Christian Education
Fellowship

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Thank you for your support.