March 1, 2026
Communion Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent

UNITED CHURCH *of* PITTSFORD

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Jen Cranch
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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Acknowledgement of March Birthdays

***HYMN #64 (ALL)** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

PRAYER OF GATHERING (in unison***)**
All-powerful and eternal God, we thank you for light, for golden sunlight, silver moonlight, the stars that map our skies, a crackling fire on which to cook, and the shining faces of those around us. Help us to meet you in the darkness, that, without the need for sight, we may learn you are as close to us as our own breath, skin, and bones, knit in our very being, in this moment and forever. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
ONE: The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.
ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
ONE: Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.
ALL: We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.

***UNISON READING**
Gracious God, on our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4 NRSV

***HYMN #258 (1,2,5)** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE
Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV
"RADIATING DIVINE GLORY"
Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

***LENTEN HYMN/INVITATION HYMN**
#298 (1,2,4) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
During the invitation hymn, all are invited to come up and place their Lenten intention(s) in the basket under the Cross.

COMMUNION

***HYMN #491 (ALL)** Remember Me

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.

MORNING PRAYERS/
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Musical Selection*

***Response: Sing Hymn #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 #557 (1 only)** Blest Be The Tie That Binds

***HYMN** AMEN

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

March - *Canned fruit month for food pantry*

March 8	**TIME CHANGE** and Easter Flower Order Deadline
March 11	Hampton Choir Concert Mount Olivet – 6:30 pm (See Pastor JD for tickets!)
March 12	Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
March 15	Breakfast and Birds – Church Breakfast
March 21	UCP Spring Craft Fair – Howard Hall *UCP Bake Sale!
March 26	United We Eat Out at BJ's Restaurant

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.**

Howard Hall

Both the church and PUNS have struggled with the amount of salt and snowmelt tracked into the downstairs hallway and Howard Hall. Because Howard Hall is the main activity area for the kids during the winter, PUNS has purchased a small cleaner to help address the salty mess. But it is hard to keep up with the mess. We have given PUNS permission to place some additional runners in front of the benches (the kids' seating and gear storage area) for wet boots. If the runners get in the way of church activities, please feel free to roll them up and put them out of the way under the benches. We are all working together to help keep the old flooring in Howard Hall as inviting-looking as possible.

Easter Flowers Orders Due Next Sunday

Easter flower orders are due NEXT Sunday, March 8th. Please submit orders and payments (don't forget your dedication!) to Jen or Lynda. See insert in today's bulletin. Questions? Call Jen at 749-4758.

Bake Sale on 3/21

What are you making for the bake sale? We will have a bake sale at the UCP Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 21. We need your cookies, pies, bread, fudge, jellies, jams, pickles and any other homemade items. As in the past, a portion of the proceeds will be designated for missions. Sign up in Howard Hall! Questions? See Verna Hazen.

Lectionary Texts for next week (March 8, 2026)

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1–11
John 4:5–42

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not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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