



MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Katie Zink

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

***HYMN #280 (1,2&4)** All Glory, Laud and Honor

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

O God, your son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as a king of peace. Reconcile all people to you and to one another, that there may be an end to wars and fighting among us. As Christ fulfilled your will with no thought for self, fill the church with that same spirit. Inspire it to work for your reign and not for its own glory, to struggle for the salvation of the world and not for its own safety. Guide the councils and assemblies of the church in all perplexities of belief and conduct that we may hold fast that which is true and firmly maintain the Christian virtues. AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Jesus set his face resolutely toward Jerusalem.

ALL: We gather this day to be strengthened. Should there come a day when we must stand fast against the forces of evil, or say "No" to a terrible injustice, help us not be broken by the consequences of our decision or action, even though a dream followed lies in fragments at our feet.

ONE: Let us worship God and celebrate the arrival of the Servant-King.

***UNISON READING**

God of all the ages, make us real or make us nothing. As we sing "Hosanna!" bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death

and to learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us to bear witness, that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

***HYMN #278 (1,2 &3)** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 50:4-9a NRSV

***HYMN#378 (1,2&4)** Amazing Grace

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 27:11-54 NRSV

"THE AFTERMATH"

Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

***HYMN #288 (1-5)** Were You There

MORNING PRAYERS/ 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 #672 (1,2&4)** God Be With you Till We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN**

Amen

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall after service.

Calendar

April - *Paper products month for food pantry*

April 1 Building access codes change

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 11 Black Heritage Gala 6:30 pm

April 12 & 19 Video Presentation: Last Days of Jesus

April 12 William Warfield Foundation Luncheon

April 22 Pastor JD is Guest Homilist
at Spiritus Christi - Noon

April 26 Jazz Sunday

From the Missions Committee

Our **Easter offering** will once again be split between the One Great Hour of Sharing and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you for your support.

One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. Gifts support emergency relief, ministries to displaced persons, disaster rehabilitation, and funds for the development projects which address chronic needs. **The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is administered by the United Methodist Church as part of its Global Ministries; the mission, relief, and development agency of the United Methodist Church, working with partners and churches in more than 115 countries.

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.**

Building Access Codes Change THIS WEEK

This week, we will change the building access codes. If you use an access code to enter the building and have not already obtained the new code, please contact the office or speak to Logan Hazen or Nate Schunk.

April Food Cupboard

In April, we will collect paper products for the Community Food Cupboard. They need paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, etc. A special need is toddlers' diapers.

PUNS This Week

PUNS will be closed this entire week for Spring Break.

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (April 5, 2026)

EASTER/RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43

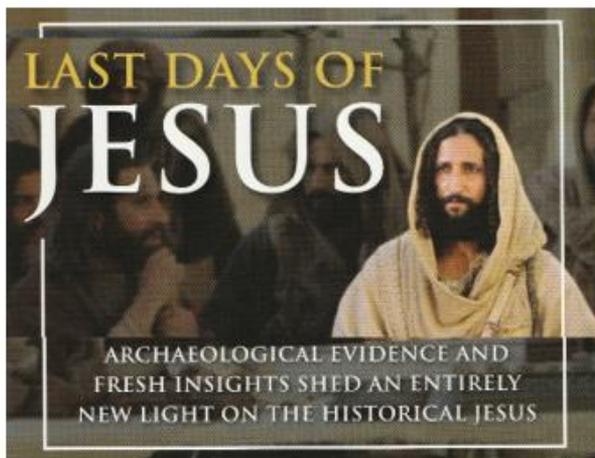
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:30-43

John 20:1-8

EASTER PROGRAM

As part of your reflection on Easter, join us to watch and discuss a thought-provoking program



Part I: Sunday April 12, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, in Howard Hall
Part II: Sunday April 19, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, in Howard Hall

For almost two thousand years, the story of Jesus' final days has been celebrated by Christians the world over. From Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, through to his eventual crucifixion six days later, the key moments have been immortalized in countless films, pieces of music, and works of art.

But in recent years, some historians have begun to question inconsistencies in the Gospels' version of events. They believe that the Gospels could hide a very different story; one that casts the historical Jesus in an entirely new light.

Please sign up in Howard Hall for the two Sundays or call the office at 586-6870, as we will provide subs for lunch.

Any questions? Call Richard Ashworth (585) 381-2189



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2 Corinthians 9:7

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