



March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Logan Hazen

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

***HYMN #707 (1-3)** Hymn of Promise

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

God of living water, amid all that parches our souls and drains our hearts of joy, we pray for refreshment and renewal. Fill us with your Holy Spirit until our delight overflows into praise and we cannot contain ourselves, running to tell your good news, alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: **We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

ONE: We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

ALL: **We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!**

***UNISON READING**

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV

***HYMN 127 (1,2&3)** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

John 4:5-42 NRSV

“BREAKING BARRIERS”

Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

***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.

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

POSTLUDE

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

March - *Canned fruit month for food pantry*

TODAY	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 18	Capital Campaign Meeting - 6 pm
March 21	UCP Spring Craft Fair & UCP Bake Sale
March 26	United We Eat Out - at BJ's Restaurant

ACTION REQUIRED - Building Access Codes

On 4/1, the week before Easter, we will change the building access codes and assign a new code to existing groups. After the codes are changed, the code you use now will no longer work to access the building. **ACTION NEEDED:** All UCP congregants who currently use a code will need a new access code. To get your new access code, contact the office by the end of March - either via email or by phone during office hours (T/W/TH mornings) - or see Logan Hazen or Nate Schunk. Please be prepared to share the code you currently use. *NOTE: The new code will not be active until 4/1/26. Please continue to use your current code until that date.* Please see the FAQ insert. Questions? Contact the office.

Lectionary Texts for next week (March 15, 2026)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

UCP DOOR ACCESS CODE CHANGE FAQ

WHO will be affected by this?

Any UCP member who currently uses an access code to enter the building will need a new code to enter the building.

WHY are codes changing?

We are changing door access codes as a security measure.

WHEN will the codes change?

The door codes will be changed on 4/1 - the week before Easter. The new code will be active mid-week and your old code will no longer work. **Please continue to use your current code until that time.**

HOW do I get my new code?

ACTION NEEDED by 3/31: Please contact the office via EMAIL or PHONE (during office hours - T/W/Th mornings) to get your new code. Please be prepared to provide the code you currently use. You may also speak with Logan Hazen or Nate Schunk.

MAY I still use my old code, once the codes change?

No. As part of the process, the old codes are deleted from the system. Once the codes have been changed that week, your old code will no longer work. Note that the new code will not be active until that week.

WHAT IF my new code doesn't work?

Don't worry. We test the new codes to make sure they work. Plus, your new code is not individual to you - so others will use the same code. (We also test the old codes to confirm they are deleted.)

WHO may I call with questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the office or speak with Logan Hazen or Nate Schunk.

THANK YOU for your help with this process!



BACKYARD BIRDWATCHING (AND BEYOND)

Come and learn about the interesting lives of the birds outside the window and how to identify them.

See some of the other wonderful birds that can be found around Rochester through the year, and how to start watching them.



Richard Ashworth started birding over sixty years ago in his native England, where he was active in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Since moving to Pittsford in 1986, Richard has studied the birds of our region intensively. He is a Past President of the Rochester Birding Association, for which he leads field trips to birding 'hotspots' in the Greater Rochester area.

Richard is a professional photographer, and he will share some of his many beautiful images of our local birds.

**Sunday March 15
12:00 PM in Howard Hall**



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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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