



April 26, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Sharon Cree

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Pastor: Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

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Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.*

** Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

UCP Choir - Hymn #352 - Standing in the Need of Prayer
Bob Sneider, guitar - "The Preacher" (Horace Silver)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heather Salanga, vocal "Precious Lord"

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

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

All: We need a shepherd - round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.

One: If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

All: That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.

One: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await!

Jazz Mini-Concert

Melissa MacLean Argenna - piano and vocal - medley
"I Didn't Know I Didn't Have to Stay" (MacLean Argenna)
"Nature Boy" (Eden Ahbez)

Deborah Conquest, vocal - "God Bless the Child" (Billie Holiday & Arthur Herzog Jr.)

Community & Christian Life Moment

Nate Jones – WGMC JAZZ 90.1 – Volunteer DJ

***UNISON READING**

Shepherding God, we confess we have been less than welcoming. It's easy to shut the gates of your realm on those with whom we disagree. It's easy to shut the gates of your realm on those who don't fit our idea of what a follower of Christ looks like, or acts like, or lives like. We confess that we have been gatekeepers instead of open gates. Grant us the courage to open wide the gates of your realm so that all may enter. Grant us the blessing of opened hearts and opened minds, opened arms and opened doors with which to embrace all of your world.

***HYMN #451 (1-3)** Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 NRSV

Rick Holland, trumpet - "Amazing Grace"

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

John 10:1-10 NRSV

"COME ON PEOPLE NOW"

Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

Darryl Parker, vocal

"Sermonette" (Cannonball Adderly & Jon Hendricks)

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 404 (1,2)** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN**

Darryl Parker, vocal “When the Saints Go Marching In”

POSTLUDE

Bob Sneider, guitar - “Road Song” (Wes Montgomery)

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

May - *Peanut Butter for food cupboard*

May 10 Mother's Day with special guest -
Senator Samra Brouk

Peanut Butter for MAY

In May, we will collect PEANUT BUTTER for the Rochester Community Food Cupboard. Thank you to everyone for the paper products donated during April.

From the UCP Missions Committee

May 10th is Mother's Day. It is also Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Sunday. Each gift provides a blanket, emergency cleanup bucket, backpack, or a school or hygiene kit. Church World Service teams up with communities in the United States and around the world to provide disaster relief and to work against hunger and poverty.

Thank you for your support for families in need. Please put a note with your gift to indicate that it is for CWS Blanket Sunday or place your gift in the blanket at the end of the service on May 10.

Lectionary Texts for next Sunday (May 3, 2026):

Acts 7:55-60;

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;

1 Peter 2:2-10;

John 14:1-14

Today's Special Guests

Nate Jones



Nate Jones defines himself by his passions! He is a poet, musician, DJ, and foremost - an environmentalist. He shows great devotion to his community serving as a Sustainability Engineer for Monroe County, Board Member for Just Poets, and over five years as a volunteer DJ for Jazz90.1.

Performers

Melissa MacLean Argenna
Deborah Conquest
Rick Holland
Darryl Parker
Heather Salanga

The Band

Alan Murphy - piano
Bob Sneider - guitar
Rich Thompson - drums
Kyle Vock - bass

Please join us to celebrate



MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY,
MAY 10, 2026
10 am

With Special Guest:
Senator Samra Brouk



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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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