



April 5, 2026
RESURRECTION SUNDAY &
COMMUNION SUNDAY



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Bev Barnett

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Special Musical Guest: Deborah Conquest

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.*

* *Those who are able may stand.*

CHORAL PRELUDE: "A Joyful Song" by Sherri Porterfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of April Birthdays

***HYMN #314 (1-3)** In The Garden

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

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is risen!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Death has lost its sting.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

Flowering The Cross

We invite you to come forward during the singing of this hymn and place a flower on the cross.

***HYMN #302 (1,2,3)** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***UNISON PRAYER**

Why do we seek the living among the dead? All we have been told is true. History is folded in on itself, only to take shape as a dove given life, taking wing, and proclaiming, "Jesus is risen!" Now we take hold of the life that is real, your good gift, Gracious Giver of all Good Things, and set aside

doubt, discouragement, and despair, and become your people! We will, like Mary of Magdala, run from the garden with this news, and whether the world believes or not, we will share boldly, joyfully, and sincerely, and begin to live now the life of resurrection! Behold, all is new! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43 NRSV

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Walk in the Light” by J. Paul Williams and Larry Shackley

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

John 20:1-8 NRSV

“RUNNING FOR JESUS”

Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

***HYMN #322 (1-3)**

Up from the Grave He Arose

COMMUNION LITURGY

***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.

Solo Anthem

Vocalist - Deborah Conquest

“Because He Lives” by Bill and Gloria Gaither

**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 #302 (4,5,6) Christ The Lord is Risen Today**

POSTLUDE HYMN – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

~ 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*

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

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 Complete

On April 1st, we changed 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

During 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.

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (April 12, 2026)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32,
Psalm 16,
1 Peter 1:3-9,
John 20:19-31



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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

Ways to Give

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Please make checks payable to The United Church of Pittsford.
Mail to 123 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534

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Giving envelopes are available in the pews.

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