



**May 10, 2026**  
**Women's and Mother's Day**



**UNITED CHURCH**  
*of* **PITTSFORD**

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Jen Cranch  
**Guest Musician:** Marvin Rogers  
**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.*

## PRELUDE

*Musical Selection*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN #192 (1,2,3,6)**      There's a Spirit in the Air

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

Bless us, Holy One, as we come into your house. Help us to leave the cares of the world behind during this time and reconnect with you through the holy awe that you inspire in the depths of our spirit. We give thanks, holy One, for this opportunity to be in this place, among our community, to recharge our batteries and revive our spirits. Open our hearts, minds and ears so that we may feel your Spirit as it moves among us in this place. Amen.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: For Blessing us with this new day....

**All: We bless you, O God.**

One: For testing us like the finest silver

All: We bless you, O God.

One: For bringing us through the fire and water

**All: We bless you, O God.**

One: We bless you, O God, by coming into your house to offer ourselves as living sacrifices.

**All: Come and hear, all you who love God.**

### **\*UNISON READING**

Holy One, forgive us when we insist on taking over and try to slay the dragons of this world on our own. Remind us, Holy One, that you stand ready to be our advocate our adoptive parent who counsels and helps and leads us to ultimate victory over the evils of this life. Amen.

## *Distribution of Mother's Day Flowers*

**\*HYMN #249 (1,2,4)**      There's a Song in the Air

**SCRIPTURE**                      Acts 17:22-31 NRSV

**\*HYMN #655 (1,2)**              Fix Me, Jesus

**GOSPEL**                          John 14:15-21 NRSV

**SOLO**

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

**Mother's Day Video Message**

New York State Senator Samra G. Brouk

**\*INVITATION HYMN #79 (1,4,5)**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**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**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #334 (1 Only)** Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      Amen

**POSTLUDE**              *Musical Selection*

*~ Those who are able may stand! ~*

**New York State Senator  
Samra G. Brouk**



Senator Samra G. Brouk represents the residents of New York's 55th District in Monroe County, including East and West Irondequoit, Webster, Penfield, Perinton, Fairport, Pittsford, East Rochester, and the eastern portion of the City of Rochester. She serves as Chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee and is dedicated to empowering children, families, and our aging adults. She passionately advocates for improvements in youth mental health, maternal health and mental health, and is working to revolutionize our state's mental health crisis response with Daniel's Law.

## Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall after service.

## Calendar

<b>Sun., May 24</b>	Pentecost Sunday – Wear <b>RED</b>
<b>Sun., June 7</b>	Lemonade on the Lawn Begins
<b>Sun., June 14</b>	UCP Photoboard Sessions

### From the UCP Missions Committee

Today is Mother's Day AND 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 today.

### Thank You from Community Food Cupboard

UCP received a very nice note of thanks for the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester. It is posted on the Missions board in Howard Hall.

### LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 17, 2026)

Acts 1:1-11;

Psalm 47;

Ephesians 1:15-23;

Luke 24:44-53

## The Power of Prayer - and the UCP Prayer Chain

There are many lists describing the power of prayer. One common power given is: Prayer is a way to help others. There are two ways this is true. One is to play with someone and the other is to pray for someone.

*“Pray for one another, that you may be healed.” James 5:16*

The UCP Prayer Chain is our church community's way to support others and, in some ways, ourselves in times when prayers are needed. While we share both our joys and concerns in the worship services, the chain is intended only for concerns needing prayers for support.

**How do I request a prayer?** If you have a prayer request, you may email Donella Ashworth at (Donella@rochester.rr.com) or call (585-766-9126). She will forward the requests to the Prayer Chain.

**What and Who is the Prayer Chain?** The chain is an email list used to forward prayer requests. Members of UCP are the volunteer members of the chain. Members both learn of the needs of others in our church community and sometimes beyond, and, in their own prayer ways, request support for those in need.

**How do I join the UCP Prayer Chain?** Very simple! If you want to join the existing UCP Prayer Chain, send an email to Donella Ashworth at (Donella@rochester.rr.com) or call (585-766-9126). She will add you to the mailing list, and you will receive the requests as they arrive.



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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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### **Mail A Check**

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

### **Give In Person**

Giving envelopes are available in the pews.

*Thank you for your generous support!*