



May 3, 2026
Communion Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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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

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of May Birthdays

***HYMN #64 (ALL)** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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

We praise you today, Holy One: our rock, our refuge, our strong fortress. Remind us, God, of those times when you have sheltered us from the storms of life and brought us safely through to the calm winds and sun of each new day. We ask, Holy One, that you teach us how to be a refuge for those who are abused and marginalized in our world. Help us to boldly embody your words of love and compassion so that we may provide a fortress for those seeking your love and shelter. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, our rock, we call out to you today.

All: O God, we seek your refuge.

One: Guide us and lead us, O God.

All: O God, we see your refuge.

One: Let your face shine on us, your servants.

All: O God, we see your refuge.

One: Redeem us, faithful God.

All: O God, we see your refuge.

One: O God, we see your refuge.

All: You are, indeed, our rock and our fortress.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Holy One, forgive us when we forget to take refuge in you.

Forgive us when we forget to return hatred with love.

Forgive us when we forget to forgive ourselves for our very

human reactions. We know you are our fortress Holy One. Help us to remember to take refuge in your, for you forgive our failings and redeem us in your faithfulness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 7:55-60 NRSV

***MEDITATION HYMN#393 (ALL)**

Spirit of the Living God

SOLO

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

John 14:1-14 NRSV

“ROLLING STONES”

Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

***INVITATION HYMN #133 (1-3)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

COMMUNION

***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.

**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** AMEN

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

May - *Peanut Butter for food pantry*

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

May 24 Pentecost Sunday - Wear **RED!**

From the UCP Missions Committee

Next Sunday, 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

Women's and Mother's Day (May 10, 2026):

Acts 17:22-31;

Psalm 66:8-20;

1 Peter 3:13-22;

John 14:15-21



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not reluctantly or under compulsion,
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2 Corinthians 9:7

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