



**June 21, 2026**  
**Father's and Men's Day**



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

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Les Johnson  
**Musical 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.*

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

## PRELUDE

*Musical Selection*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN #608 (1-3)**            This is the Spirit's Entry Now

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

Holy One, we are thrilled to no end to know that there is no end to your grace and mercy. WE received the same in our hearts and minds, anew. Inspire us to live from grace and mercy, and to share these gifts freely with others We give thanks for those gentle souls who live the way of grace and mercy, prompting us to try to do the same. Encourage them all and give them some small victory today that will enable them to rise tomorrow to try again. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

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

**ONE:** God, we enter into a brand new moment of worship this moment.

**ALL:** **We come with deep gratitude and wide expectation.**

**ONE:** Thank you for dreaming this day into being.

**ALL:** **Thank you for inviting us to celebrate it with you and with one another.**

### **\*UNISON READING**

God, your gift to us is life. Our gift to you is how we choose to live life, including our choices of offerings to advance your work in the world. So take these gifts from our hands, loving God, along with our prayer that they will help accomplish not what we will, but what you intend. Multiply our seeds sown this day, we pray. Amen.

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE MOMENT**

Randy Agness – “Father and Grandfather”

**\*HYMN #144 (1-3)**                      This is My Father’s World

**SCRIPTURE**                              Genesis 21:8-21 NRSV

**\*HYMN #610 (1-3)**                      We Know That Christ is Raised

## **GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE**

Matthew 10:24-39 NRSV

**“ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE”**

**Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)**

**\*HYMN #715 (1-3)**                      Rejoice the Lord is King

## **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 #585**      This Little Light of Mine

## **BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**POSTLUDE**

*Musical Selection*

*~ Those who are able may stand! ~*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us outside after service  
for lemonade on the lawn.**

### Calendar

Mon., June 22	Scout Event in Sanctuary and Howard Hall - 6 pm to 9 pm
Tues, June 23	Primary Election - Polling in Howard Hall - 5 am to 10 pm
Wed., June 24	Anti-Bias Training in Howard Hall - 9 am to Noon
Fri., June 26	Howard Hall Floor - Strip & Wax
Thurs., July 9	Deadline for Red Wings Tickets
Saturday, July 18	Fellowship Outing - Red Wings Game

### Lemonade on The Lawn

Lemonade on the Lawn is in full swing! Thank you to those who have volunteered to host. If you have not yet volunteered, we need one more host for 8/23. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Questions? Call Donella at 381-2189.

### LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (June 28, 2026):

Genesis 22:1-14  
Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

## Today's Guest **Richard Agness**



Randy Agness is the founder and president of Agness Publishing LLC, a publishing services company for new and emerging authors and illustrators. His creativity and entrepreneurial spirit carry through every endeavor Agness champions. As an Author, Publishing Agent, Engineer and Award-winning

Winemaker, Agness' commitment to outstanding quality remains the foundation of his work.

Agness' passion for writing is at the heart of his articles about wine, food, travel and sports. As a commercial winemaker and owner of Agness Wine Cellars since 2015, his writing focuses largely on the wine industry. Recently, Randy is collaborating with Gwen Toma in creating and writing a book series focused on regional wines and food pairing, *Vine To Table™*. The book highlights the heritage, wines and recipes of winemakers of New York's Finger Lakes region.

Agness collaborated with Gwen Toma in creating and co-authoring their first children's book, *Lake Girl Chronicles™, Every Girl's Story*. Introduced in 2024, the story is told in a little girl's voice from the pages of her diary about her life and adventures growing up on Lake Ontario in the 60's and 70's. The second book in the series, *Lake Girl Chronicles™, Making Friends*, is scheduled for release Holiday 2024.

As President of Agness Publishing, Randy continues his quest to help fellow authors and illustrators imagine new classics.



**FELLOWSHIP EVENT  
SATURDAY, JULY 18th, at 6:45 pm**

**Rochester Red Wings vs.  
Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

**FIREWORKS AFTER GAME!  
Bruce The Bat Dog will be working!**

Cost: \$16 with group rate - PREMIUM  
section  
Carpooling available

For tickets, contact Jen Cranch  
by **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Tickets will be available at church  
on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

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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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