



June 28, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Judi Yaneka

Musical Director: Alan Murphy

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Michael Ford

*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 #475 (1-3)**

Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Dear God, we thank you for the living of our days. We thank you for the inventions of schedules, watches, and even smart phones. These and more have helped us to be more committed, efficient, and productive. But, we know of the shadow as well, when we become addicted to our creations. Help us not to be bound to boundaries that diminish our sensitivity to your presence and activity outside our plans. May the shadow never separate us from the holy surprise that you are in us, and with us. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God is a God filled with wonder and surprise.

ALL: **We open our minds and hearts to the surprising blessings of God.**

ONE: God calls us God's own, children of God's own creation.

ALL: **We affirm our God-given identity with gratitude and celebrate with joyful service.**

***UNISON READING**

God, we are your children, but the sad truth is that we can behave so unlike you all too often. Seduced by the protection of the comfortable and the power of the familiar, we reject newness. Help us to see the deadening in this and seek to be alive in your capacity for surprise. In spite of our fear, we believe that we are blessed not simply by you – we are blessed to live with you. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Calendar

Thurs., July 9 Deadline for Red Wings Tickets
Sunday, July 12 Pick up Red Wings Tickets
Saturday, July 18 Fellowship Outing – Red Wings Game

Change in Church Office Hours

Starting this week, UCP's office hours will change. New hours will be **Wednesdays, 7 am–Noon, and Thursdays, 7 am–3 pm.**

Pastor JD and Chairperson Logan have been working with Susan regarding changes to the church office hours. They have shared the details with the Church Council. Susan has been offered a second part-time job and she is committed to continuing at UCP. She has done a wonderful job for the church for the past four years, so we were pleased to work on the schedule to keep her strong skills and experience at UCP. Susan previously worked Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Her total number of office hours will remain the same. *Note: Deadlines for the Sunday bulletin and e-News submissions will remain Tuesday mornings.*

Lemonade on The Lawn

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to host a Sunday for Lemonade on the Lawn this summer. All the slots are full!

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 5, 2026):

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Today's Guest Minister

Rev. Dr. Michael Ford



Rev. Dr. Michael Ford is the Executive Director of the House of Mercy, a homeless shelter based in Rochester, NY. He most recently served as the Senior Pastor of Lake Avenue Memorial Baptist Church in Rochester, NY.

His educational preparation for ministry began with a BA degree in Religious Studies from Concordia University College in Alberta, Canada. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario and completed a second Master's Degree from Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo with a concentration on Comparative Religion. He was awarded his Doctor of Ministry at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY on May 19, 2012.

In addition to his responsibilities at the House of Mercy, Michael has served as Chair of the Board at Cameron Community Ministries and is currently on the Board of Trustees for Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.



**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 9th
Tickets will be available at church
on Sunday, July 12th**

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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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