



**June 7, 2026**  
**Communion Sunday**



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

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Jen Cranch  
**Music Director:** Alan Murphy  
**Guest Minister:** Rev. Dr. Michael Ford

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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 June Birthdays

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

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

Holy One, we are thrilled to not end to know that there is no end to your grace and mercy. We receive 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 do the same. Keep us all encouraged as we continue on life's journey 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 PRAYER**

Lord, we know that you impart strength and courage. Do for us what we have not done for others, and in your undeserved graciousness, help us to see that life does not have to be what it is. Grant us in grace to receive such astonishing and wondrous blessings. And, with our new strength and courage, we will not forget to say thank you. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 21:8-21 NRSV

**\*MEDITATION HYMN#393** (*multiple times*)  
Spirit of the Living God

**SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE**

Matthew 10:24-39 NRSV

**"Counting the Cost"**

**Rev. Dr. Michael Ford**

**\*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 outside after service  
for lemonade on the lawn.**

## Calendar

<b>TODAY</b>	Lemonade on the Lawn Begins
<b>Sun., June 14</b>	UCP Photoboard Sessions
Sat, June 20	Sally Stookey Memorial Service
Sun., June 21	Men's/ Father's Day Sunday
Tues, June 23	Primary Election - Polling in Howard Hall
Wed., June 24	Anti-Bias Training in Howard Hall (9 am to Noon)
Saturday, July 18	Fellowship Outing – Red Wings Game

### Fellowship Outing - Red Wings Game on 7/18

*Join us for our annual Red Wings Baseball outing!* Watch the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp take on our Wings **on Sat., 7/18, at 6:45 pm**. Bruce the Bat-dog will be working and there will be post-game **FIREWORKS**. Carpooling will be available from UCP. Tickets are **\$16 per person** for premium seats (right behind 3rd base in section 128). Contact Jen Cranch for tickets by Thurs, 7/9, at 749-4758. Pick up tickets at Church on Sun., 7/12.

### Today: Lemonade on The Lawn Begins!

Today, we restart our cold drinks and snacks at the front of the church. Thank you for those who have volunteered to host. If you have not yet volunteered, there's a sign-up sheet in Howard Hall. Questions? Call Donella at 381-2189.

### Photoboard Session on 6/14

Next Sunday, Richard Ashworth will take new photos in Howard Hall after the Worship Service. (Photos will also be available for purchase.) There's no need to sign up – just put it on your calendar, turn up and smile! Questions? Call Richard at 381-2189.

### LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (June 14, 2026):

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12 - 23;  
Matthew 10:40-42

## **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 Masters 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.



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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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