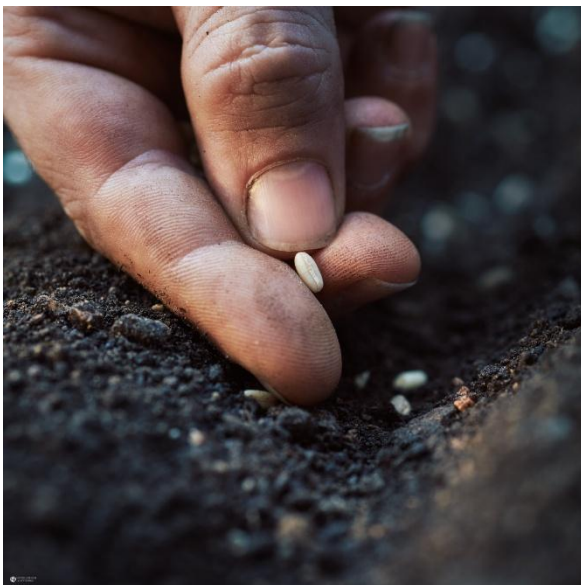




July 12, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Bev Barnett

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 #110 (ALL)** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

God of relentless life and love, we say yes to your resurrection way. Your way is risen Life. Your way is risen love. Your way is our best way, away from the tomb, and toward home. Help us to translate these great hopes and greater gifts into the daily course of our lives, and the lives of those around us. May we bring light to others, rather than overshadow or count ourselves better. May we become means by which others come to have hope, rather than causes for despair or resentment. May our yes to you be spoken and enacted in our affirmation of brothers and sisters, with whom we are held together in your love. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God of new life, by your burning mercy melt away all that would block us from experiencing your Spirit of revival and renewal in our world, and in our hearts.

ALL: God of resurrection, by your power open our lives to hope borne out in living hopefully, in love set not simply to creed but to deed.

ONE: God of the risen Jesus, raise us to courageous action, to joyful celebration, and to abiding and transforming love.

***UNISON READING**

Lord, remind us that to live with bitterness, strife and malice are ways of resisting your breathings of life in us through

Jesus in us. Empower us to choose to honor your breath and live in new refreshing ways. May it be so. Amen.

***HYMN #349 (2x)** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

SCRIPTURE Genesis 25:19-34 NRSV

***HYMN #507 (3x)** Through It All

Sing Hallelujah - ALL

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 NRSV

“SOWING SEED”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***HYMN #593 (ALL)** Here I Am, Lord

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 #672 (1,2)**

God Be with You till We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN Halle, Halle, Halle

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us outside for lemonade on the lawn.

Calendar

July - *Canned pasta and snacks for food pantry*

TODAY

Pick up Red Wings Tickets

Sat., July 18

Fellowship Outing - Red Wings Game

August

Sun., August 23

CRCDS Sunday - Rev. Dr. Angela D. Sims

Sun., August 30

Hymn Sing Sunday

September

Tues., Sept. 22

John Williams Concert - 7 pm

Pastor JD Seeking Sponsor for Dessert Reception on 9/22

John Williams will bless us once again with his musical mastery on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7 pm. Pastor JD would like to have a dessert reception following the concert and he's seeking a sponsor for the reception. If you are interested, please contact Pastor JD. Thank you.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 19, 2026):

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43