



July 19, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Sharon Cree

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 #404 (ALL)** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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

Amazing God of love so right and so pure, grace us with your presence. We desire to lean on you even more today than we have in the past. May we manifest a hope right and pure in honesty. You know our hearts. We ask for faith and trust enough to strengthen the hearts you know all so well. Our hope is built on nothing less. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come into the presence of the God of surprise and wonder.

ALL: Remember the surprising and wondrous works of God that establish our hope.

ONE: Come, knowing that even in hopeless situations, we may trust in God.

ALL: Come, trusting in the one who is our hope, who is our life.

***UNISON READING**

Dear Holy One, though we are in this place of hope, hope may not be in us in this moment. Stir within us the hope that comes from knowing ourselves forgiven by you, loved by you, and graced by you. May we immerse ourselves in hope that is always deeper and wider than we know. Amen.

***HYMN ##694 (1,2,4)** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a NRSV

***HYMN #92 (1,2,3,6)** For the Beauty of the Earth

Sing Hallelujah - ALL

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 NRSV

“A SURE HOPE”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***HYMN #402 (ALL)** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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# 585 (1,2,3)**

This Little Light of Mine

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*

August

Sun., August 16	Guest Minister – Rev. Jen Lessard
Sun., August 23	CRCDS Sunday – Rev. Dr. Angela D. Sims
Sun., August 30	Hymn Sing Sunday

September

Tues., Sept. 22	John Williams “Fabulous Fifties” Concert – 7 pm
Sun., Sept. 27	Hispanic Heritage Sunday

Pastor JD Seeking Sponsor for Dessert Reception on 9/22

John Williams will bring the “Fabulous Fifties” to UCP 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 in supporting this event, please contact Pastor JD. Thank you.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 26th, 2026):

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11,45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52