



July 26, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Judi Yaneka

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*)

Dear God, what a wonderful world you have created. Yet, we know that because of things we do and don't understand, it is possible to hurt so badly. In the face of what can be untold suffering, help us to cling to the possibility of a greater reality: your love. May we know such a mighty love in new ways that inspire genuine revival of mind, heart, and soul. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

ALL: Sing to the Lord; tell of all God's wonderful works.

ONE: Glory in God's holy name.

ALL: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

ONE: Seek the Lord's strength and presence continually.

ALL: Praise God, whose judgments are in all the earth.

***UNISON READING**

Dear Lord, teach us to welcome our weakness as opportunities to rest in your Spirit. We are so readily seduced by the power of words that when our own words fail us, we feel lost. In deceiving ourselves, we have failed in a world that desperately needs to know hope. Teach us to be still enough to find the powerful hope that lies in your love, shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN #405 (ALL)** Seek Ye First

SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:15-28 NRSV

***HYMN #347 (ALL)** Spirit Song

Sing Hallelujah - ALL

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 NRSV

“PRINCIPLE OF TREASURE”

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***HYMN #79 (1,2,4)** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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 #334 (ALL)** Sweet Sweet Spirit

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN** Halle Halle Halle

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us outside for lemonade on the lawn.

Calendar

August = Canned meals and healthy snacks for food pantry

Sun., August 16 Guest Minister – Rev. Jen Lessard

Sun., August 23 CRCDS Sunday - Rev. Dr. Angela D. Sims
Deadline for School Supply Drive

Sun., August 30 Hymn Sing Sunday

September

Tues., Sept. 22 John Williams “Fabulous Fifties” – 7 pm

Sun., Sept. 27 Hispanic Heritage Sunday

School Supply Drive

UCP is supporting Cameron Community’s back to school supply drive this August. See the insert in today’s bulletin.

The deadline is Sunday, August 23rd. Questions? Contact Jen Cranch: 749-4758 or generator12@gmail.com

Jen Cranch – New Email

Jen Cranch has a new email: generator12@gmail.com. This email is updated in the directory on our website. (Need the password? Contact the office.)

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (August 2, 2026):

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7,15

Romans 9:1-15

Matthew 14:13-21