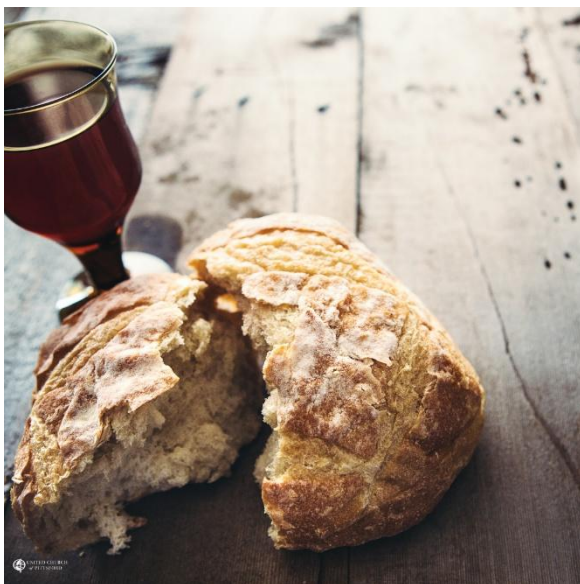




August 2, 2026
Communion Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Sharon Cree
Music 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.*

** Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of August Birthdays

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

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

God of Great blessing, God of abundance, God of all, we lift up your name in praise and ask that you hear the prayers of our hearts. There are great concerns and wonderful joys that we lift up to you. Most of all, we praise you because you are God, and worthy of all praise simply for creating us. We are thankful beyond words that you are more than creator. You are actively involved in our lives as individuals and as a worshiping people. Bless us this day. Guide us in your way. May your will be done. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come and eat. Do not labor anymore for that which does not satisfy. Listen carefully to what is good. God is making us a witness to the world. Receive God's steadfast love!

ALL: **Come, let us praise the Holy One, who has made an everlasting covenant with us. Let us receive God's holy word, and witness to all who are starving for that word!**

***UNISON PRAYER**

Though we live in a world of abundance, we confess, God of all, that we cultivate the fear of scarcity. We hoard our blessings, earthly and heavenly, concerned that if we benefit others we might suffer want and need. We use words of

faith, but we live lives of mistrust. May we, with your help, hear your call, Jesus who fed the multitudes, and in blessing our bread share it. May we trust that there is enough for everyone around the world. May we cease to worship borders and boundaries and instead recognize your spirit, your spark, in everyone. This we pray with your people, as your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31 NRSV

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

Sing Hallelujah

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 14:13-21 NRSV

“COMPASSIONATE HOSPITALITY”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***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 for our very first “Lemonade in the Lounge!”
(The Watkins Lounge is located in the hallway off the
Sanctuary – across from the church offices.)

Calendar

August = *Canned meals and healthy snacks for food pantry*

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

Sun., August 16 PUNS yard sale dropoff in HH 2-4pm

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

Social Hour Today

Howard Hall is unavailable for several days due to floor cleaning and wax drying. So, we are going to have our first “Lemonade in the Lounge” social hour after the worship service this Sunday. After the worship service, please join our hosts Marilyn, Bev, and Whitney in the Watkins Lounge (next to the Sanctuary, across from the church offices)!

Building Access

Yesterday, the cleaners were scheduled to begin redoing the cleaning and waxing of Howard Hall – including the hallway at the back entrance. The floors will take several days to dry so we will not be able to use that entrance through this Tuesday.

PUNS Yard Sale

PUNS will be holding a yard sale in Howard Hall on Friday, August 21, from 7 am to 2 pm and Saturday, August 22,

from 8 am to noon. This will be a big fundraiser for them, so please drop by, browse, and help support their sale! (*Note that PUNS will be using Howard Hall during the week of 8/17 to prep for the sale. See the online calendar or bulletin board calendar for more details.*)

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 jenerator12@gmail.com

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK (August 9, 2026):

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33



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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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