



August 30, 2026
Hymn Sing Sunday



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

Choice _____

*PRAYER OF GATHERING (*in unison*)

Loving God, your commands are simple. You ask that we love each other and do no harm to each other. It might seem at first black and white, but ultimately our world is filled with gray. We want to do one thing, and yet, another causes us to have questions. Help us move away from making things too complex. Fill us with a simple passion for doing what you ask of each of us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

ALL: And so we gather today in Christ's name.

ONE: We come to praise God, and to be renewed and strengthened in our faith.

ALL: We come to remember God's simple truth for us: in all things, may we love one another.

ONE: Come, let us worship God.

*UNISON READING

Fill us with you Spirit God and lavish us with your grace. Help us to live simple truths: to love each other and do no harm to each other. Amen.

*HYMN

Choice _____

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV

***HYMN**

Choice _____

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV

Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

SPECIAL MUSIC – Music Director

***HYMN**

Choice_____

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** Choice_____

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN** Choice_____

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us outside for Lemonade on the Lawn.

Calendar

August - Canned meals and healthy snacks for food pantry
TODAY Hymn Sing Sunday

September - Pasta and Pasta Sauce for Food Pantry

Thurs., Sept. 10	PUNS - First Full Day
Sun., Sept. 13	Christian Life Momen: Teresa Stewart – Writer and Community Builder
Sun, Sept. 20	Christian Life Moment: Maribeth Weed - Rochester Food Cupboard
Tues., Sept. 22	John Williams “Fabulous Fifties” – 7 pm
Sun., Sept. 27	Hispanic Heritage Sunday with Julio Sáenz from WXXI

Liturgists Needed

Do you want a chance to contribute to the life of our church? Consider serving as a **Liturgist** on an occasional Sunday. The Liturgist is our morning worship leader who leads the service and reads scripture. Perhaps you want to know more about it to *see* if you'd be willing to try it? See or contact Jen Cranch. There is currently one slot open to fill for **Sunday, October 11th**. Consider this in a prayerful way to serve!

From The Missions Committee

We received a note of thanks for our support from Elderberry Express. The note is posted on the Missions bulletin board.

Missions: Pies and Bake Sale

Do you like to plan ahead? The Missions Committee has news for you! We will be selling **Thanksgiving pies** again this fall. All profits will go to the Habitat Interfaith Partnership. The selections and prices will be the same as last year. We will be holding an **Election Day Bake Sale** on **Tuesday, November 3**. As always, a portion of the proceeds will go to UCP missions. UCP bakers are famous for their goodies. Dust off your favorite recipes! Watch for more information in September. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

Lectionary Texts for next week **(September 6, 2026) Communion Sunday:**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20



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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

Ways to Give

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ucpittsford.org/give.



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Mail to 123 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534

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Giving envelopes are available in the pews.

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