



August 9, 2026



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Jen Cranch

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 #649 (ALL)** How Shall They Hear the Word of God

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

Hear our prayer, God who acts. In the storms of our lives we reach out to you. In danger of being overwhelmed by the pressures, the distractions, and even the gadgets that inundate our lives, may we find peace, clarity, and simplicity in Jesus. Reveal your will for our lives in the words spoken in this service, as well as in the songs and in the silences that we share. Trusting in your presence, we base our hope in you. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

ALL: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all the wonderful works we have seen!

ONE: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord, seek the strength of the Lord; seek God's presence continually.

***UNISON READING**

God of the universe, God of all things great and small, who guides your creatures in their great migrations, tends to the cicadas who dwell beneath the earth for many long years, who shepherds the stars and galaxies in the heavens and delights in the wildly spinning and swirling subatomic particles beyond our imagining. Lord hear our hope, even in our doubting, that you will answer. Command us, in the

storm, to come to you. Hear our cry, as we sink: Jesus, save us! Truly you are the one foretold by the prophets; Emmanuel, God among us! Save us! Redeem Us! Make us whole! Amen!

***HYMN #464 (ALL)** I Will Trust in the Lord

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 NRSV

***HYMN #206 (ALL)** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sing Hallelujah - ALL

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 14:22-33 NRSV

“CALMING THE STORM”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***HYMN #585 (ALL)** This Little Light of Mine

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

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

M-F, Aug 17-20 PUNS set up in HH (All week - 9am-3pm)

Fri/Sat, Aug. 21-22 PUNS Yard Sale in Howard Hall

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 list of things needed in today's bulletin. **The deadline is Sunday, August 23rd.**

Questions? Contact Jen Cranch: 749-4758 or

jenerator12@gmail.com

From the Missions Committee

We received a nice note of thanks from Church World Service for our gift on Blanket Sunday. The note indicates that our gift "will provide over 21 people with the gift of warmth and hope." The note will be on the Missions board in Howard Hall.

PUNS Yard Sale in Howard Hall

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 the afternoon of 8/16 as well as all week 8/17-8/20 to prep for the sale. See the online calendar or bulletin board calendar for more details.*)

Eagle Scout Project Work on Back Door to Begin Soon

Theodore Deutchki, son of Jennifer Deutchki (a PUNS teacher), is working on UCP's back door area for his Eagle Scout project. This will involve the following work: removal of yews in front of trash shed, reroof shed, paint shed, clean out shed, replace screen, paint portico, paint handrail, fix bench, paint fan housings. Theo will begin this work this weekend. If you have any questions, please see Anne P.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

(August 16, 2026):

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 20-28

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:



ITEMS NEEDED:

Deadline: Sun., 8/23/26



BACKPACKS

**(variety of colors/sizes
for ages PreK thru High School)**

- Pencils, Mechanical Pencils
- Pens (Black)
- Highlighters
- 3 ring Binders (2") with lined paper (college or wide rule)
- 5 subject dividers
- Composition notebooks (black & white type)
- White Out
- Mini staplers
- Graphing calculators. (Costly. If there are a few people who want to go in on a few, let's do it.)
- **NO CRAYONS OR MARKERS, please**
- Underwear & socks for preK-12
- Healthy snacks (NO NUTS)
- **Cash/check donations welcome (See Jen C.)**



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COMMUNITY YARD SALE!

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Rain or shine, the sale goes on!



FRIDAY 8/21

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

EARLY BIRD ENTRY

\$10

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM



SATURDAY 8/22

8:00 AM – NOON



⇒ SHOP AMAZING FINDS! ⇐



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