



September 13, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Jen Cranch

Guest Musician: Rachel Dobbs

Pastor: Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

Community and Christian Life Moment

Guest Speaker: Teresa Stewart

*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 #436 (ALL)

The Voice of God Is Calling

*PRAYER OF GATHERING (*in unison*)

God of grace and understanding, we seek to be your people. You have called us to new life, to a new way of being your community in the world. Part of that call is to be forgiving, to be loving, to open our hearts beyond our imagining. Help us to do that. Help us to see others as people who you love, as people who are also called to serve you. Challenge us to find ways to get along with one another. We pray in the name of the forgiving Christ. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In ancient times, the people know God was with them.

ALL: Even when they were slaves in Egypt, the people knew God had not abandoned them.

ONE: God showed great power in bringing the people of Israel to new life through the exodus.

ALL: God's power delivers us from slavery and into freedom.

ONE: Come, let us worship the God of grace, forgiveness, and new beginnings.

*UNISON READING

We come to this place keenly aware of the need of your grace and forgiveness, O God. We know the many times we have done things that are not in keeping with your will; the times we have hurt others – both intentionally and unintentionally – and damaged the fragile earth you have

given as our home. Yet we know, too, the majestic power of your forgiveness and grace. Hear our prayer, remove our guilt, and set us free to be your people in the world. Amen.

***HYMN #463 (ALL)** Lord, Speak to Me

COMMUNITY AND CHRISTIAN LIFE MOMENT

Teresa Stewart – Writer and Community Builder

SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:19-31 NRSV

***HYMN #356 (ALL)** When We Are Living

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 18:21-35 NRSV

“Redemptive Grace”

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

***HYMN #719 (ALL)** My Lord, What a Morning

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 338 (1-3) Where He Leads Me**

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING HYMN** Halle, Halle, Halle

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Special Guest
Christan Life Moment
Teresa Stewart



Teresa Stewart is a writer and community builder in Rochester, New York. She is the author of *No Business Card Required* and the *Becoming Again* workbook, and she writes *The Second Chapter Letter on Substack*. She founded *Rochester Table for One*, a community for women who dine alone.

Becoming Again grew out of her own loss. After her husband Claud, a reverend, died following a long hospitalization, Teresa began writing because she didn't know what else to do with what she was carrying. That writing became a book, then a workbook, and now a gathering for women rebuilding after grief and loss. Before this work, she spent more than thirty-five years in financial services and human resources. She believes you do the best you can, and the rest will come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

September – Pasta and Pasta Sauce for Food Pantry

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| 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 |

October – Cereal, Rice, and individually-wrapped Snacks

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| Sun., Oct. 11 | Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Lynda Myers |
| Sun., Oct. 18 | UCP 77th Anniversary Celebration 10 am |
| Sun., Oct. 25 | Pastoral Appreciation Day |

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!

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 begin taking orders on 10/4! Also, we will hold 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. So, get out your favorite recipes! Questions? See Verna Hazen.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

(September 20, 2026)

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6,37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16



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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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