



September 20, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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

Special Guest: Maribeth Weed, Executive Director
Community Food Cupboard of Rochester

Musical Guests: Marvin Rogers, pianist

Liturgist: Katie Zink

*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*

Marvin Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #89 (1-4)** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

O God, some days we can get overwhelmed. We see escalating problems and believe we can do nothing; We might feel defeated by our work, by friendships gone awry, or by financial woes. Yet, in the midst of all this, when we pause and look at ourselves and the world in which we live, we recognize how much you love us. You care for each one of us as if we were your favorite, precious child. We may not understand your love, but we appreciate it, and pray you may lavish it always on us and others. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: When we see others “getting ahead” of us in life,

ALL: Loving God forgive us and make us new.

ONE: When we think we are more deserving of others,

ALL: Loving God forgive us and make us new.

ONE: When we want to put others down because we don't think they are as worthy of your love than we are.

ALL: Loving God forgive us and make us new.

ONE: Friends, know that God has love for each of us, no matter who we are, where we have been, or what we have ever done.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***UNISON READING**

Lord we give ourselves to you, as the least of what we can do. You have unconditionally poured out your love on us

and called us into new relationship with you. May we in our worship, fellowship and giving model, in all that we say and do, your unconditional love Amen.

Community & Christian Life Moment

Maribeth Weed - Executive Director of the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester

Scripture Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV

Special Music Musician

Hallelujah - (Sung)

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV

Morning Message "The More Deserving"
Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

Musical Selection
Marvin Rogers

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Musical Selection*
Marvin Rogers

***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**

Musical Selection

Marvin Rogers

BENEDICTION

Musical Selection

Marvin Rogers

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

Marvin Rogers

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

September – Pasta and Pasta Sauce for Food Pantry

Tues., Sept. 22

John Williams Concert – 7 pm

Sun., Sept. 27

Hispanic Heritage Sunday with
Julio Sáenz from WXXI

October – Cereal, Rice, and individually-wrapped Snacks

Sun., Oct. 11

Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Lynda Myers

Sun., Oct. 18

UCP 77th Anniversary Celebration 10 am

Sun., Oct. 25

Pastoral Appreciation Day

Tuesday: Piano Concert and Dessert Reception

Join us for pianist John Williams and his "Fabulous Fifties" piano concert this Tuesday evening at 7 pm! Vicki Brouk has generously sponsored a dessert reception to follow the concert. Hope to see you there!

T-shirts for October 18th

We are ordering UCP-branded t-shirts for the congregation to wear to our anniversary Worship service on October 18th.
Stay tuned for more information!

Pie Sale!

We are selling pies for Thanksgiving. All proceeds benefit the local Habitat for Humanity. UCP is a member of the Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP), which is part of the Habitat Greater Rochester Interfaith Builders.

Our pies will once again be supplied by Special Touch Bakery. Special Touch Bakery produces premium pies while providing meaningful employment opportunities to people of all abilities.

Cost:	\$20 each (*Same as last year!)
Orders begin:	Sunday, October 4th
Orders due:	Sunday, November 8th
Pickup:	Monday, November 23 rd - 3:30 - 6:00 PM
Selections:	Apple Crumb Pumpkin, Pecan, Rumbleberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb. (*Same as last year!)

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK **(September 27, 2026) Hispanic Heritage Sunday**

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Today's Special Guest

Maribeth Weed Executive Director Community Food Cupboard of Rochester



Maribeth Weed is the Executive Director of the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester. She leads a small but deeply committed team. She manages operations, governance, donor engagement, and strategic planning for one of the city's longest-standing food pantries. Over the past eleven years, the cupboard has expanded from serving 75 families a month to more than 300, reflecting both rising community need and Maribeth's commitment to strengthening capacity. She has led the organization through a facility fire, a global pandemic, reduced federal food supply, and unprecedented demand while ensuring uninterrupted service. Maribeth values strong partnerships with churches and community organizations that help sustain families in crisis.



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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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