



September 27, 2026
Hispanic Heritage Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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

Special Guest: Julio Sáenz

Musical Guest: Kate Molloy, pianist

Liturgist: Sharon Cree

*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 #57 (1,3,5,7)** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

O God, We live in a world of confusion. People say one thing, and mean another, and do yet another. People try to stare each other down, each believing and proclaiming- often violently- that they are right. We hear your calling us to be honest and to proclaim your simple truths in all we say and do. Equip and empower us to do that, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Our God calls us to worship.

ALL: We are here God, we are here.

ONE: We have made a choice to be here today.

ALL: We are here God, we are here

ONE: It is a joy to gather in sacred community, to sing our praises together.

ALL: We are here God, we are here

ONE: Come, let us worship God.

***UNISON READING**

Loving God, we thank you for your patience with us. Yet we ask you to challenge us, too When we become complacent, or when we are not sure what to say or do, give us the courage to speak out and stand up for what is right. When we want to turn away from being loving, just, and fair, bring us back to that. Shape us into your people: loved, forgiven, and called to do and say what is right. Amen.

***HYMN #63 3x**

Blessed Be the Name

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32 NRSV

Morning Message

Special Guest: Julio Sáenz

***HYMN #159 (ALL)**

Lift High the Cross

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**

***HYMN# 144 (ALL)**

This Is My Father's World

BENEDICTION

***HYMN #191(ALL)**

Jesus Loves Me

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

October – Cereal, Rice, and individually-wrapped Snacks

Sun., Oct. 11	Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Lynda Myers, Guest Buy your UCP Logo T-shirt!
Sun., Oct. 18	UCP 77th Anniversary Celebration 10 am
Sun., Oct. 25	Pastoral Appreciation Day

November

Sun., Nov. 1	Time Changes at 2 am
Tues., Nov. 3	ELECTION DAY & UCP Bake Sale
Sun., Nov. 8	Pie Orders Due!
Mon., Nov. 23	Pie Pick Up at UCP – 3:30 - 6 pm

UCP Logo T-shirts for October 18th

UCP logo t-shirts will be available for purchase during coffee hour next Sunday, October 11th -- just in time to wear for UCP's anniversary celebration on October 18th! So plan to bring your checkbook or cash on Sunday, October 10th.

The cost per shirt is \$15. Check or cash. Please make sure to write "t-shirts" in the memo area of your check. Limited sizes available - first come, first served.

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 (October 4, 2026)

Communion Sunday

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Today's Special Guest

Julio Sáenz



Julio Sáenz is a veteran journalist and media executive with more than 20 years of experience in storytelling and strategic communications. Sáenz became WXXI's first chief content officer in 2025, overseeing editorial strategy and content across WXXI Television, WXXI Radio, CITY Magazine, The Little Theatre and the organization's digital platforms.

Sáenz's career has also included founding ConXion, a bilingual Latino publication, writing the 2011 book "Rochester's Latino Community" and launching Poder 97.1 FM, noted as the first 24-hour Latin radio station in New York state outside New York City.

Sáenz also teaches in Rochester Institute of Technology's School of Communication and has served on several community boards.

Sáenz was recently honored as Rochester Hispanic Business Association's 2026 Hispanic Businessperson of the Year.



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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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