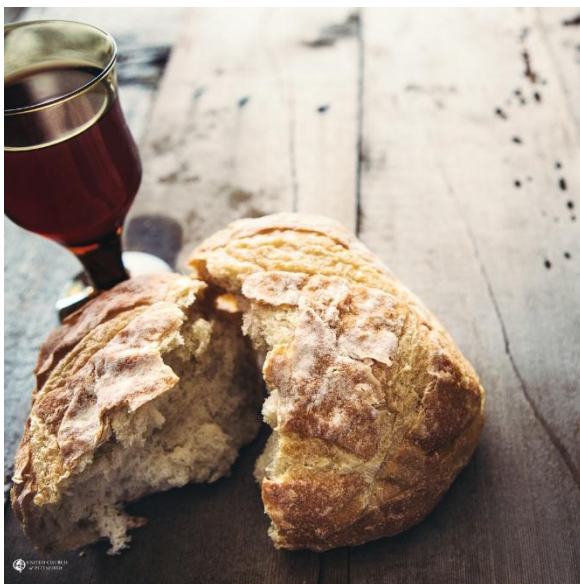




September 6, 2026
Communion Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Verna Hazen
Music 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.*

** Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of September Birthdays

***HYMN #64 (ALL)** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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

God of Love, if it were easy to love we would not be praying to you this day. Yet we desire to love all, even when it is difficult. We need you to strengthen us so that our love is genuine, and not a mask that we conveniently put on and take off. Lead us to share each other's burdens, to know each other better, to care more deeply, and to live sincerely as one family in your name.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O give thanks to God, call on that name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

ALL: Sing, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

ONE: Glory in that holy name; let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

**ALL: Seek the presence of the creator continually.
Remember God's wonderful works, the miracles,
the judgements, all you people, all who share in the
family of God.**

***UNISON READING**

We confess God of truth, that we have subscribed to the falsehoods that surround us. We have given our heart to the call for vengeance that rises up out of our culture in opposition to peace and justice. Yet you call us to return good for evil, to give food and drink to our enemies, to bless

those who curse us. You challenge us to turn the world upside down by shining the bright light of love at the core of darkness that enshrouds so many. Forgive us for having ignored you. Inspire us to listen and live your written word, and your living word, Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah – (Sung)

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 18:15-20 NRSV

“LET IT BE”

Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***INVITATION HYMN #133 (1-3)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

COMMUNION

***HYMN #491 (ALL)** Remember Me

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ONE: In remembrance of the mighty acts of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

ONE: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

ONE: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

***ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO
RECEIVE COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN #618 (ALL)

Let Us Break Bread Together

***Response: Sing Hymn #71**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Musical Selection*

*** Prayer: Dedication of Offering**

***UNISON READING of THE COVENANT OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD** *(Front Cover of Hymnal)*

***HYMN #557 (1 only)** Blest Be The Tie That Binds

***HYMN** Amen

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall. We will celebrate Audrey Johnson's 94th birthday with cake.
Happy Birthday, Audrey!**

September – Pasta and Pasta Sauce for Food Pantry

Thurs., Sept. 10	PUNS - First Full Day
Sun., Sept. 13	Christian Life Moment: 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

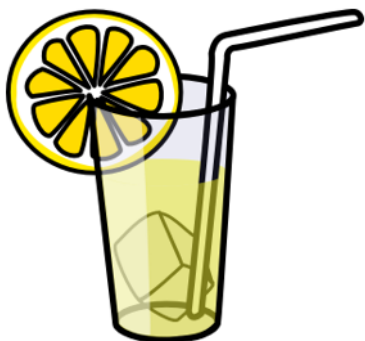
Liturgists Needed

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!

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.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN -THANK YOU



A BIG thank you to **Logan and Verna Hazen, Donella Ashworth, Dave and Ruth Nellis, Michelle Hanson, Wanda Ashworth and Jeff Cornell, Charlie and Lynda Page, Karen White, Marilyn Grunert and Whitney Paxson, Jen Cranch, Dick and Marilyn Krager, and Qian Song** for providing the lemonade, iced tea, and goodies for this summer's Lemonade on the Lawn season.

This year, Lemonade on the Lawn went on tour, with appearances in Howard Hall, the Watkins Lounge, and The Narthex and Library. Thank you, everyone, for your flexibility.

It's always a fun and nice time to have fellowship with our UCP family.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

(September 13, 2026):

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



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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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