



**FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
COMMUNION SUNDAY**



**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Jen Cranch

**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 February Birthdays

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

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

Blessed and Blessing God, we are blessed by this community you have given us to help us live as attentive and thankful people. We are blessed by your generosity, which floods our world because of who you are and not because of anything we do. Bless us with the reminder that your creation is a realm of kindness, grace, love, beauty, hope and mercy. And inspire us to live so that we will embody those blessings in every breath we take. AMEN.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has told us what is good.

All: **So we come together to be God's justice.**

One: God has told us what is good.

All: **So, we come together to be God's loving-kindness.**

One: God has told us what is good.

All: **So, we come together to be God's humble compassion. We bring bodies, hearts, minds and souls to be a redeemed and redeeming community.**

### **\*UNISON PRAYER**

Patient God, we confess that we have often chosen our limited human wisdom over your immeasurably foolish love. We confess that too often we assume that power and authority are more effective change agents than humility and self-restraint. We confess that we seek and value too highly the signs of worldly success, while ignoring the transforming gestures of grace and blessing. Forgive us for choosing to stumble again and again over our own agendas.

Open our ears to your foolish promise. Open our eyes to the power of the weak to change your world. Open our hearts to the life of abundant equity that is hidden in plain sight. In the name of the highest who became servant of all, let it be so. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Micah 6:1-8 NRSV

## **\*MEDITATION HYMN#393 (ALL)**

Spirit of the Living God

## **SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE**

Matthew 5:1:12 NRSV

### **“BLESSING IN BEING”**

**Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.**

## **\*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.

## MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## Pastoral Prayer

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory *Musical Selection*

## \*Response: Sing Hymn #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: 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

UCP's Annual Meeting follows service today.

### Today's Offering

Today's Communion offering goes to UCP's Pastor Emergency Fund.

- **What is the Pastor's Emergency Fund?**

People in need of emergency assistance come to UCP throughout the year. We most often help them with gas for their cars or with food not available at the food pantry. They sometimes have other needs which we can help with only in small amounts (rent, utilities, prescriptions, for instance). The only funds available for this emergency assistance come from the congregation's monthly offerings on Communion Sunday.

- **Do you give cash?**

We never give cash. We provide gift cards or write checks directly to a landlord, for instance (always arranged by phone first).

- **How do funds get handed out?**

The pastor makes these decisions. Confidential records are kept to account for how these funds are used.

**Thank you for your generous spirit and desire to help people in need in our community.**

## CALENDAR

### **February**

#### *Peanut Butter & Jelly Month*

#### **TODAY**

Wed., Feb. 4

Sun., Feb. 8

Sun., Feb. 22

Mon., Feb 23

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Valentine's Day Piano Concert - 7pm

Scouts/Jersey Sunday with Kip Palmer  
as keynote speaker

MLK Interfaith Service - 3pm

UCP Fundraiser at Tom Wahl's \*4:30-8pm

### **March**

#### *Canned Fruit Month*

March 15

Breakfast and Birds - Church Breakfast

March 21

UCP Spring Craft Fair - Howard Hall

## 2025 Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements for 2025 are in the mailboxes in Howard Hall. Please stop by during the Annual Meeting to pick up yours.

## Breakfast and Birds on 3/15



Join us Sunday, March 15th, for Breakfast and Birds! Green Eggs and Ham was such a hit that Diane & Don Reeve generously offered to sponsor another breakfast in Howard Hall on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, after service. Enjoy breakfast and conversation with friends - after which Richard Ashworth will charm us with the sport of birding.

## Lectionary Texts for next week (February 8, 2026)

Isaiah 58:1-9

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20



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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



SCAN ME

Scan this QR code with your cell phone to access UCP's secure giving page at [ucpittsford.org/give](http://ucpittsford.org/give). Once there, choose from the following funds:

For more ways to give, please see the **WAYS TO GIVE** card in the seatback.  
Thank you for your support.

JOIN US TO HONOR THE SCOUTS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

## SCOUT SUNDAY FEB. 8TH AT 10 AM



WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
KIP PALMER  
CEO, PALMER FOODS



UCP:  
Wear your  
favorite team  
jersey!



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