



*Pastor JD with Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.  
November 13, 2006 in Washington, DC*

**February 22, 2026  
First Sunday of Lent**



**UNITED CHURCH  
of PITTSFORD**

**American Baptist & United Methodist**

**Liturgist:** Karen White

**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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN #428 (1-4)**                      For the Healing of the Nations

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

Endless Love, teach us to love as you love: without lust, which treats our sisters as objects; without violence, which treats our brothers as objects; without expectation of reward, which treats our friends as objects; without greed, which treats our neighbors as objects; without hatred, which treats our enemies as objects. Teach us to love as you love; with patience, with forgiveness, with respect, with joy, with generosity. In honor of those whose love conceived us, nurtured us, upheld us, and enfolded us, we commit ourselves to love's learning and practice. May it be so.

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

ONE: I come to God's temple today to remember:

**ALL: That I am – myself – God's living temple;**

ONE: That the one who sits beside me is God's living temple;

**ALL: That the stranger I meet is God's living temple;**

ONE: That family, friends, colleagues, students, employees are God's living temples;

**ALL: That even my enemy is God's living temple.**

**ALL: I come today to consecrate myself anew to provide a holy heart of radical welcome and to respect the holy integrity of others.**

## **\*UNISON READING**

Foundation of All Creation: Grant us the courage to sweep away the debris of unfaithful choices and to dedicate ourselves anew to the one who is our cornerstone. In his name we make this prayer. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 NRSV

**\*HYMN #269 (1-4)** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

## **SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE**

Matthew 5:38-48 NRSV

**"YOU ARE SOMEBODY"**

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

**\*INVITATION HYMN #369 (ALL)** Blessed Assurance  
*During the invitation hymn, all are invited to come up and place their Lenten intention(s) in the basket under the Cross.*

## **MORNING PRAYERS/ 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 #507 (3x)**

Through It All

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*~ Those who are able may stand! ~*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

### **CALENDAR**

**February** - *PB&J month for food pantry*

TODAY	Interfaith Service at 3 pm
Mon., Feb. 23	UCP Fundraiser at Tom Wahl's 4:30-8pm

**March** - *Canned fruit month for food pantry*

March 8	Easter Flower Orders Deadline
March 15	Breakfast and Birds – Church Breakfast
March 21	UCP Spring Craft Fair – Howard Hall
	*UCP Bake Sale!

### **Easter Flowers**

It's time to order Easter flowers! Please submit orders and payments (don't forget your dedication!) to Jen or Lynda (or drop it by the office) by Sunday, March 8th. See insert in today's bulletin. Questions? Call Jen at 749-4758.

### **Building Code Changes**

The week after Easter, we will change the door codes used to enter the building. The office will communicate more about this in the coming weeks. Please watch the email blast and the bulletin for more information.

### **Bake Sale on 3/21**

Calling All Bakers! We will have a bake sale at the UCP Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 21. We need your cookies, pies, bread, fudge, jellies, jams, pickles and any other homemade items. As in the past, a portion of the proceeds will be designated for missions. Watch for more information. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

**Lectionary Texts for next week (March 1, 2026)**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



# **BACKYARD BIRDWATCHING (AND BEYOND)**

Come and learn about the interesting lives of the birds outside the window and how to identify them.

See some of the other wonderful birds that can be found around Rochester through the year, and how to start watching them.



Richard Ashworth started birding over sixty years ago in his native England, where he was active in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Since moving to Pittsford in 1986, Richard has studied the birds of our region intensively. He is a Past President of the Rochester Birding Association, for which he leads field trips to birding 'hotspots' in the Greater Rochester area.

Richard is a professional photographer, and he will share some of his many beautiful images of our local birds.

**Sunday March 15  
12:00 PM in Howard Hall**



UNITED CHURCH  
*of* PITTSFORD

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



General Offering  
Memorial Fund  
Capital Improvements,  
Repairs & Replacements  
Missions  
Music  
Christian Education  
Fellowship

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