

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST
April 30, 2023

PRELUDE: *“Prelude in G Major, BWV 884” by J. S. Bach*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: “I Love You Lord”
FOCUS FOR TODAY: Music was a key piece of God’s plan for David and his future.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 71)
Leader: In a world of pain and trouble, we need a place to heal. Here and now, we have come into the presence of God our healer.
People: God is our rock and our refuge.
Leader: We seek deliverance from the evils of sickness, illness, and disease.
People: God is our rock and our refuge.
Leader: Let the old and the aging, the young and the innocent, the confused and the lost, turn to the Lord in hope.
All: God is our rock and our refuge.

***HYMN: #347 “Tell His Praise in Song and Story”**
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***OPENING PRAYER: (Jeremiah 1, Psalm 71)**
Sovereign Lord, you have brought your Word to us today. Before the world began, you knew us as unique individuals, sacred parts of your creation. In the mystery of the womb you protected us. Out of the womb you have brought us. Empower us to ministry and mission, with the confidence of your divine touch. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**
***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

BAPTISMS: (11:00) Amelia Cunningham, Isabel Sheppard, Anna Zajac, Chris Zajac
RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS: (11:00) Amelia Aldrich, Emilia Beyrle, Amelia Cunningham, Fiona James, Norah James, Brady Ross, Avery Whitcomb, Anna Zajac, Chris Zajac, Ardelle Bigos, Rob Clark, Natalie Clark, Katrina (Stevenson) Heilmann, Bessie Tyrrell, Elaine Tyrrell, Jill Tyrrell, Stephen Tyrrell

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 (page 1159) {A.B. page 1299}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “All My Life” with “He’s Everything to Me” (words on center of insert)
The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Sharon Erb

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 149 (page 624) {A.B. page 698}

Sermon
“David’s Songs”
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #643 “I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead”**
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PASTORAL PRAYER
OFFERTORY: *“Auf meinen lieben Gott” by Dietrich Buxtehude*
***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #346 “Sing Praise to the Lord”**

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE: *“The Strife is O’er” by Carl Simone*

PRAYER REQUESTS:
Health concerns: Kathie Meredith, Jenn Newton (friend of the Whitcombs), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Yacoub (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), David Sanford, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace
Cancer: Ralph Gullace (Jan’s husband), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Dawn Miller, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou’s step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim’s brother), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)
Recovering: Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

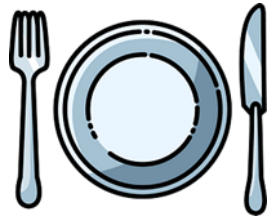
MILITARY SERVICE: US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment
MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

Take the Marshalls a Meal!

If you would like to help provide a meal for the Marshall family while Deb recovers from her surgery, please follow the link below or scan the QR code. If you need help getting signed up, please call Carolyn in the church office (585-394-0503)

<https://takethemameal.com/LPQA8089>



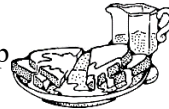
In lieu of making a meal, small Wegmans gift cards would also be appreciated. These can help cover the costs of quick meals or prepped ingredients.

Thank you for any contribution you are able to provide and for blessing the entire family with your prayers.



Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



Class of 2023

ATTENTION PARENTS! Do you have a graduate in the house? **Do you have a high school graduate??** What do they plan to do after high school? **Do you have a college graduate???** Where are they graduating from? What degree did they earn? What are their future plans? We would love to celebrate these milestones with you and your adult children. So, please let Mark Slomski or Carolyn Russell know what your children are up to! **We need this info by May 14th.** Thank you!



We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services.** Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory.

Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments. The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The May sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- **TODAY** - join us for our **Intergenerational Sunday School Class** as we **live in faith together!**
- Join us in celebrating the **baptisms and new members** joining our church today! Cake and punch in the Fellowship room after the 11:00 service.
- **SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS** - Registration on Bulletin Boards - **Princess Pajama Party**; May 5 (7:00 PM) - May 6 (8:00 AM). **Young Lions**; May 5 (6:00 PM - 9:30 PM).
- **SAVE THE DATE - Chicken BBQ Workcamp Fundraiser** - Saturday, May 13; 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM; Runnings Plaza via Gale-Wyn Catering
- Our Sunday School Celebration Breakfast will be on May 21 at 9:45am. Please sign up on Deb's door if you're willing to bring a dish to pass.

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY? If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long.

Children's Time ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

The Stewards Assistance Fund: This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TODAY – Intergenerational Sunday – Join us in the Downstairs Dining Hall for our 5th Sunday Intergenerational Breakfast!

NEXT WEEK – Our Adult Ed Sunday School classes return to their normal schedule, with the Psalms class in the Downstairs Dining Hall and the Parenting Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Room!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

TODAY – Intergenerational Sunday – Join us in the Downstairs Dining Hall for our 5th Sunday Intergenerational Breakfast!

NEXT WEEK – We resume our class on leadership in the Bell Tower Room

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job. **Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for what’s on the menu and where we are meeting.**



YOUTH MINISTRY

CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISERS – Save the Dates!

Help us support our 2023 workcamp trip by purchasing some delicious Chicken BBQ meals! **These are our last fundraisers before our trip.** Dates: Saturdays, **May 13** and **June 17**, from **10:30 AM – 3:30 PM**. Location: **Runnings Plaza in Canandaigua**. Vendor: **Gail-Wyn Catering**

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS

Princess Pajama Party – May 5th (7:00 PM Start) – May 6th (8:00 AM End) – This event is for **girls in grades 6-12**. We hope you can join us **at The United Church** for a night of games, snacks, friendship and learning about God. Please sign up online through the Church Center App and contact Lauren Slomski or Julie Zajac with any questions.

Young Lions Event – May 5th (6:00 PM – 9:30 PM) – **Boys in grades 9-12** are invited to join us at The United Church for dessert making and fun/games at Roseland Bowl! **Students will be asked to be picked up at Roseland bowl at 9:30 PM.** Please sign up online through the Church Center App.

THE CAUSE

Sundays, from **5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**, at **the church**, High School students are welcome to join other youth for worship, faith discussions, food, and fun! This week, we begin discussing the question: **How Do I Make A Difference?**

FAMILY

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY – TODAY

During the Sunday School hour, at **9:45 AM**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall**, all age groups are invited to participate in our **Intergenerational Sunday School Class!** Similar to previous intergenerational classes, we will be coming together to enjoy breakfast, games, Bible study, and prayer. During our time together, we will be studying **John 21:1-15**.

It’s that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child’s faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a “campership.”* This is not a need based scholarship. It is available to all families who have kids in our Sunday school, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 4. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Mark Slomski.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)

Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)

Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)

Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)

Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)*



LeTourneau Christian Center

Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)

Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)*

Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)

Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*

Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)*

MISSIONS

Family Promise’s guests are experiencing a greater need for assistance with grocery and gas gift cards. This is due to SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits being reduces as well as the increased cost of groceries. The current guest families consist of 6 single moms, 1 single dad and 24 children and more of the graduate families will also be experiencing food insecurity. The need for gift card assistance will be greater than ever.

Our church has been asked to collect grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests during the second half of April. Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled “Fuel Purchases Only.” If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place them in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, April 30. Thank you for your support of these families in need.

Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.)** Thank you for your generous contributions.



LeTourneau Christian Center Work Day

When: May 20th, 9-4 (or however much time you have)
Where: LeTourneau Christian Center
4950 East Lake Road
Rushville, NY

What: A day of volunteering (**all ages welcome**) to help prepare their center for the busy Summer filled with groups, camps, and campers!
Why: LeTourneau provides a wonderful environment for young and old to learn about God’s love. Many children and adults from our church attend events every year at LeTourneau.



Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms. The day will include a **free lunch**. The various areas you can choose to help out include: cleaning, carpentry, painting, landscaping, and clearing trees.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY –
Service at 8:45am
Intergenerational Sunday School
Service at 11:00am
The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Service at 8:45am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am
Service at 11:00am
The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm

We're taking a step towards a world free of MS.
Brown's Brigade has been uniting to end MS forever since 2006, and we invite you to volunteer, donate, or join our team! Our MS journey actually took flight in 2004 when I was diagnosed with optic neuritis and we quickly entered into the world of MRIs, doctor visits, medication investigation, and preparing for the unknowns that so many people living with MS experience. I have never, ever been alone in this MS journey life has me navigating. My husband has never waived and he is truly my rock. My children are right there with me every step of the way. Family and friends, church family, work colleagues, etc. come out in drones for our annual MS WALK WEEKEND... some join our team and walk, others donate or volunteer, and others send special words of encouragement. I have NEVER felt alone. We've set an ambitious goal because, with your support, we can get there. The money we raise will help drive groundbreaking research, provide life-changing programs, and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most. Ultimately your donations will create a world free of MS... free of the unknowns it brings to so many. Feel free to call (585)739-8621 if you need more information or join us on May 21st for MS WALK 2023 at Sonnenberg Gardens (10:00 am kickoff). Please give donations directly to MacKenzie Brown or checks can be made out to NMSS and sent to: MacKenzie Brown at 3140 Lake to Lake Rd., Stanley, NY 14561 or you can use the QR code here. Thank you all so much for 19 years of support and counting!

God Bless, MacKenzie, Mat, Shea, and Casey Brown



“All My Life” with “He’s Everything to Me”

All my life, through the good and bad of life,
Whether I should gain or lose, still I choose to live my life
Every moment All for Thee, walking, oh so close to Thee,
While I’m learning every day, come what may to trust in Thee.

Take away the doubt that hides Thy perfect will.
Give me faith, instead, and with Thy Spirit fill.

Then all my days, be the guardian of my ways,
And I’ll know the glory of all Thy love through all my days.

In the stars His handiwork I see,
On the wind He speaks with majesty.
Though He ruleth over land and sea,
what is that to me?

Till by faith I met Him face to face,
and I felt the wonder of His grace,
then I knew that He was more than just a God who didn’t care,
that lived away out there, and
Now He walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o’er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way.
He’s everything to me.

Be the guardian of my ways,
and I’ll know the glory of all Thy love through all my days.

By Ralph Carmichael, arr. John Purifoy, c. 2022 Bud John Songs



2 Samuel 22:1-7 What If Singing Was A Prayer

U P N M T L R E F U G E P Q Y T F
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Compassed	David	Delivered	Enemies
Fortress	Hand	Lord	Refuge
Rock	Salvation	Saul	Shield
Sorrows	Spake	Temple	Trust
Violence	Waves	Words	