

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE: *Rubrics, a Liturgical Suite for Organ: IV. “The Peace may be exchanged.” by Dan Locklair*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: There is connection between love and obedience to God’s commands

INTROIT: (11:00) “I Love You, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

People: It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.

Leader: Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship

People: Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

All: Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives. AMEN.

***HYMN: #710 “We Are Called to Be God’s People”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord of provision and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; guide our spirits; give us courage and confidence to obey you and your will for our lives. We pray this in Jesus name, who taught us to pray... (by singing)

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:9-17 (page 1069) {A.B. page 1187}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “This Little Light of Mine”, arr. Joel Raney The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 98 (page 592) {A.B. page 666}

Sermon
“Love Is Obedience”
(1 John 4:7-21)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #579 “I Surrender All”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Aria” by Brian Solomons

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #568 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Tuba Tune in D Major” by C. S. Lang

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Denice Bailey Tautges, Judy (friend of Sue Ann Clemens), Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Hiram Bailey, Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner's mother), Carly and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown's cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Jerrick Cesna (friend of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Sasha (Megan French's friend), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Jackie Crego (Stan & Evey Wright's daughter), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering: Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Gabbi Seeber, Kerry Van Iseghem, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):

May 11 – Youth BBQ fundraiser

May 21 – Missionary visit and dinner

June 2 – Church Picnic

June 9 – Grad Sunday

June 29 – Red Wings Game

July 7 – Youth BBQ fundraiser

Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Highlights for This Week!

- The May monthly memo is available on the TV cart in the Welcome Center. This flyer includes important dates and events for the month of May and early June.
 - **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 Deb Marshall know what your children are up to! **We need this info by May 9th.** Thank you!
 - **Youth Chicken BBQ Fundraiser - THIS SATURDAY, May 11, 10:30 AM** until sold out, Runnings Plaza Parking Lot. \$13.00 / chicken. Money raised will support our youth mission experiences!
 - **Save the date!** On **June 29**, our very own **Youth Choir** will be singing the **National Anthem** at the **Rochester Redwings** game at **6:45pm**. We have reserved a block of tickets that range in price from \$10-\$15. Please let Mary Beth Fortunato or Brenda Cunningham know if you would like tickets.
 - Our very own Paul Johnson will be “camp pastor” at Beaver Camp’s **Grandparent/Grandchild Camp** coming up on **July 17-19**. If you are a grandparent who would like to take your grandchild to this camp, you can find more info and sign up here: <https://beavercamp.org/camps-and-retreats/grand-parent>
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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!**

Children's Time ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family!

Nursery care is offered during both services and during the Sunday school hour for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend adult classes or help in children's classes. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

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 attend Sunday mornings, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 2. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and you may be able to take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Deb Marshall.

Here are our campers so far...

Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 7-12 (Bears)

Lily Munson, July 21-26 (Bears)

Amelia Cunningham, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

Anna Zajac, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)



The following young adults are working at Beaver Camp this summer: Natalie Cunningham, Summer Cunningham, Grace Payne, and Jen Petracchi

LeTourneau Christian Center

Isabella Harris-Chwiecko, July 15-19 (Arts and Crafts Camp)

Jackson Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Juliana Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Aria Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Mason Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Liam Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Kailynn Stewart, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

David Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Sam Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Graham Beyrle, Aug 12-15 (Wacky Water 2)

Miracle Mountain Ranch

Hannah Aldrich, June 30-July 5

Adele Marshall, June 30-July 5

NTS Camp at Houghton College

Walter Marshall, July 7-11



Don't forget to put the Youth Chicken BBQ on your calendar for next Saturday, May 11!
In front of Runnings, 10:30 am until it runs out.

Presbyterian Women are hosting a **Spring Gathering on Friday, May 17th** from **10:00-2:00pm** at **The Presbyterian Church, Geneva NY**. Speaker: Margot McGorman "Women of Grace Widows" with a hands-on activity to follow. All women invited. See Linda Werts for more info.

MISSIONS ~ Faith and Action

United Church in partnership

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Assistance when a community experiences a disaster (tornado, hurricane, flooding, war) is needed. Disaster victims can feel overwhelmed and lost. Women and men are experienced and have been trained to assess the losses and communicate ways we can assist "helping the other up". Emergency response kits that have been collected are released. We partner with other Christians to offer hope and to make a difference.

"THANK YOU"

- This past week The Cause assembled 46 school kits from supplies you provided. Mark Shepard and Rich Bush loaded the cartons onto a truck and delivered them to a Rochester collection point for Church World Service pickup. Disaster destination TBD. "Helping the other up."
- Gift cards you provided were delivered to Family Promise of Ontario County. "Helping the other up."
- Each week we collect food and supplies in our Welcome Center's grocery cart for local food pantries. "Helping the other up."



Blanket Sunday — May 12

The Church World Service Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during trying times. A gift of just \$10.00 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men, and women who are struggling. As we each give as generously as we are able, together we can provide comfort and warmth to our neighbors in need.

Church Family Picnic

June 2, noon-?

Baker Park, Canandaigua



*Hot dogs and drinks provided

*Please bring a dish to pass

Enjoy great food, fellowship, and games for all ages!