

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
May 26, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Holy Ground” by M. Hayes*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: How did the world begin? Our study of Genesis will answer that question.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Genesis 1:1-31)

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

Leader: Let us come and worship our Creator,

People: Who made all things with wisdom and love.

Leader: Let us celebrate the goodness of God's creation,

People: And give thanks for His marvelous works.

***HYMN: #384 “This is My Father’s World”** CCLI Song #4815389, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, as we gather to worship, we marvel at Your creation. In Genesis, You spoke the world into existence, filling it with life and beauty. Help us to see Your hand in all things and to cherish and care for Your creation. May our worship honor You, our Creator, and deepen our gratitude for Your marvelous works. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

(The scriptures this week will be read throughout the sermon)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Nothing Left to Say...God is” by Martin & Angerman
(words on insert) Earl Pettit (acc. June Pettit)

Sermon
“In the Beginning”
(Genesis 1:1-31)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #383 “For Beauty of Meadows”**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Battle Hymn of the Republic” by M. Hayes*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #53 “Let All Things Now Living”**
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“How Majestic is Your Name” by M. Hayes*

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

The flowers today are given in memory of Mary Jane Bailey, whose birthday would have been this week, by Hiram and Linda Bailey.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Jim Brown (MacKenzie’s father-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, 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: Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends 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), 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), 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!):

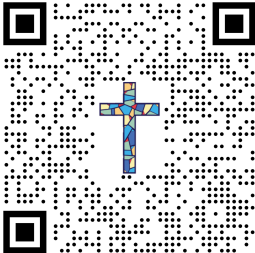
- June 2 – Church Picnic
- June 9 – Grad Sunday
- June 9-16 – Silent Auction bidding
- June 29 – Red Wings Game (Our Youth Choir singing National Anthem!)
- June 30 – Farewell Brunch and Organ Hymn Sing for Kateri
- July 7 – Youth BBQ fundraiser
- Aug 9 – Fred Magley’s Memorial Service, 3 pm
- Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Highlights for This Week!

- The church office is **closed** tomorrow for the holiday!
- Join us for **Scuba VBS scenery work days!** If you have any time available during the timeframe we are working, drop by and lend a hand. You don’t need any special skills or talents, just a willingness to help. Please wear comfortable clothes that you don’t mind getting messy (some of us will be painting)! Scenery days are listed below. Please join us when you can, and bring a friend!! If these times don’t work for you, or you’d prefer to work at home, see Deb or Sandi for take-home kits to add to our underwater scenery!

Sat 6/1 10am-2pm
Mon 6/3 9:30am-11:30am
Tues 6/11 9:30am-11:30am
Sat 6/22 10am-2pm
Thurs 6/27 9:30am-11:30am

- **Graduates and families:** be sure to save the date of June 9 for Graduate Sunday! We will recognize high school and college graduates during our 9:30am service. We will also have a cake and punch reception following the service. We hope you can join us for this special celebration!
- **SEND A CARD TO A SPECIAL MEMBER** - June 2nd - June 30th: We’re excited to announce the Special Members Summer Card Outreach! Starting June 2nd We’ll be placing notecards and a list of our Special Members, along with their addresses, in the Welcome Center. This will continue through the month of June. Stop by the table and grab a few cards and a Special Members address list. We believe our Special Members cherish hearing from their Church family.
- **Save the date!** On **June 29**, The United Church Youth Choir will be **singing** the **National Anthem** at the **Rochester Redwings** game at **6:45pm**. We have reserved a block of tickets for \$10 each. You can sign up to go to the game/purchase tickets using this link <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2325102> or the QR code:
- 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>



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 offered during service ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers.

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 green 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!



Sign up to help in Summer Nursery! The easiest way to sign up is by using our Church Center app or Services app. (If you need help, just ask!) Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery. *All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.* If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinator, Louise Van Iseghem or contact the church office. Thank you!

Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



Church Family Picnic

June 2, noon-?

Baker Park, Canandaigua



**Hot dogs and drinks provided*

**Please bring a dish to pass*

A Few Volunteers Needed

- *2 people to prep grill & cook hotdogs*
- *2 people to prep drinks and keep supplied*
- *Helpers with set up and clean up*
- *2 people to organize & lead a few family-friendly games*

Please see Mary
Beth Fortunato or
Brenda Cunningham

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

Notes and Doodles:

Nothing Left to Say....God Is

When I see the morning rise,
When I gaze at cloudless skies
Or watch a golden eagle as she flies,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say__ God is.

When I watch the children play
Dancing through a summer's day
Dreaming, singing, laughing all the way,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say___ God is.

When I see the falling snow,
Touch the beauty of the rose,
Trace the winding river as it flows;
When I see a caring face,
Or a simple act of grace
People reaching out with love's embrace;

When I hear a symphony,
View creation's tapestry
Or wonder at life's sacred mystery,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say,
There's nothing left to say
Lord, I stand amazed.
Nothing left to say__ God IS.

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. In order to request a campership, please send your child’s Christian camp registration confirmation to Deb Marshall to get the process started. Campership requests are being received now until **June 2**.
Here are our campers...
Beaver Camp
Elise Cunningham, July 7-12 (Bears)
Eva Clark, July 21-26 (Beavers)
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
Violet Thorman, June 30-July 5 (Baking Champions)
Jesse Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)
Joy Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)
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)
Billy Clark, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day 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)
Josiah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
Elijah Seeber, 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)
Carter Slomski, Aug 12-15 (Lego Builders)

Miracle Mountain Ranch
Hannah Aldrich, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)
Adele Marshall, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)
Paige Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)
Sophie Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

NTS Camp at Houghton College
Walter Marshall, July 7-11



MISSIONS ~ Faith and Action



Partnership and Unity

Rev. Ryan White came by bicycle from Richmond, VA to Canandaigua. **Growing** our relationship with God, **listening** to one another, and **strengthening Christ centered partnerships** was his May 21st encouragement to us.

Since 2014, Alethia and Ryan have been serving in Berlin, Germany, which they and their two daughters, Ariella and Laila, have learned to call home. (August 2023 to August 2024 they are living in the USA as required for renewing their Germany “working” visa.)

Initially they worked with the Iranian Presbyterian Church of Berlin and continue to offer support to those now leading the community. “We have been touched by the hospitality expressed to us by the community and see ourselves as “bridges” between the German and Persian cultures,” Ryan explains.

In their roles as regional liaisons, they appreciate the opportunities to engage with partners, listening and learning from their geographical and social perspectives framed within the church’s potential role and responsibilities. “We care deeply about reconciling relationships across cultural, religious, and political divides, with the hope of promoting sustainable and peaceful partnerships,” Alethia says.

Ryan and Alethia White and daughters Ariella (12) and Laila (9) are one of our missionary families.



Silent Auction: The auction begins June 9th! Just 2 weeks away! If you have any items to donate, please let us know now. Forms are in the Welcome Center. Please complete one form for each item you will donate and place it in the box. We need to know what items are coming so we can plan a successful auction. You may start bringing your items to church starting this Tuesday through June 5th, including Saturday, from 9 am - 1 pm.

