

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

June 11, 2023

Graduates’ Sunday

PRELUDE: “Kyrie” by Giovanni Battista Martini

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: The Valley of Shadows: We are challenged in our lives to trust God, even when it seems our world is falling apart.

PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE: selected verses from Psalm 4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Awake! Rise up!

People: There is much to be done in the Lord’s Name today.

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

People: We are ready to hear God’s word for us and to respond in action and love.

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s will this day.

All: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.

***HYMN: #328 “God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True” (based on Psalm 111)**

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***OPENING PRAYER: With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: “Psalm 23:Surely Goodness Surely Mercy” (Sung by Jim Boseck)
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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:18-30 (page 1118) {A.B. page 1247}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Shoulders” (words on center of insert)

Youth Choir

Elise & Amelia Cunningham, Norah & Fiona James, Emelia Beyrle, Adele Marshall, Anna Zajac

Sermon

“Valley of Shadows”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #618 “Give to the Winds Your Fears” (based on Psalm 37 - one of David’s Psalms)**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Interlude in E-flat Major*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #638 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: (see list of names on back of insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Sonata for Organ in F Major” by Giovanni Pergolesi

Our prayers and sympathy are with Jan Gullace, whose husband, Ralph, passed away on June 3rd. Please keep the Gullace family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Yayoue Mathias, Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Jenn Newton (friend of the Whitcombs), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), 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: Bill Eagley (friend of Mark Slomski), 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: Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Deb Marshall, 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.***

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!

Our High School Graduates

Levi Allen is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. He will attend SUNY Geneseo to study Economics.

Mallory Baxter is graduating from Canandaigua Academy and will attend the University of South Carolina to study Business.

SheaLeigh Brown will be sitting for her EMT exam in June as part of the Emergency Medical Services Academy that she attended at FLTCC for the past two years. She will graduate with honors from Marcus Whitman High School and will then pursue her B.S. in Nursing at Daemen University, Amherst, NY, in the Fall.

Grace Corbett is graduating from Canandaigua Academy and will attend Keuka College with a major in Psychology.

Kendall Davis is graduating from Marcus Whitman High School. She will be attending Alfred University with a major in Physics and minor in Astronomy.

Sydney Hartpence is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. She plans to attend RIT to pursue a degree in Illustration.

Anna Holm is graduating from Victor High School. She will attend the University of Maine to study Wildlife Ecology.

Michael McFetridge is graduating from Canandaigua Academy. He will be attending SUNY Geneseo to study Mathematics and Adolescent Education.

Venus (Rachel) Tonkivich is graduating from Victor High School and will attend Alfred University for a degree in Art Education.

Braden Whitcomb will graduate from Canandaigua Academy. He plans to attend Finger Lakes Community College to begin studying for a Liberal Arts degree.

Our College Graduates:

Olenka Duncan graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Engineering. She is working for Keller in Webster, NY.

Nick Hartpence graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from RIT College of Art and Design. He will be pursuing a job in video editing.

Brin Sheppard graduated with an Associates degree from Finger Lakes Community College.



Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- Join us today in congratulating our 2023 graduates! There will be cake and punch after the service.
- Send a camper a card! Pick a card from the camper tree to send good wishes.
- Lots of opportunities to help VBS! Donate supplies or your time.
- THIS SATURDAY - Chicken BBQ Workcamp Fundraiser - 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM; Runnings Plaza via Gale-Wyn Catering
- Workcampers - Our last meeting is after service TODAY in the Fellowship Room.

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 our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. 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 to the Fellowship Room for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

Sunday happenings...

TODAY, Sunday, June 11, 2023

Service at 9:30am – Graduate Sunday

Cake and punch reception in the Welcome Center

Workcamp meeting after service in the Fellowship Room

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Service at 9:30am

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

Our normal Young Adult Programming has come to a close for the year! Thank you for the participation and support. Be on the lookout for special events this summer!

YOUTH MINISTRY

WORKCAMP MEETING

JUNE 11, After Service, Workcampers to attend this important meeting. A light lunch will be provided.

THE CAUSE – THANK YOU!

Our last Cause night for the program year is this evening! Thank you for the support we’ve received for this important ministry.

See below for upcoming special youth events:

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser: June 17

Workcamp: July 16-23

Youth Retreat: August 18-19 (7-12 grade students)

Fall 2023 Program Year Begin: September 10

Today is Graduate Sunday! We will recognize high school and college graduates during the service. We will also have a cake and punch reception following the service. We hope you can join us for this special celebration!



Called to Care, Canandaigua invites you to observe World Refugee Day with us on Tuesday, June 20th from 4-6 pm at the United Church, 11 Gibson Street. The afternoon event will feature a sampling of international foods, a personal story from Haitian refugee, Marc Simeon and his sponsor, Doug Doebler, and an inspirational message from Called to Care, Canandaigua's vice president, Meg Huff.

There will be an opportunity to explore ways to join the welcome and resettlement efforts in Canandaigua as a volunteer or as a World Relief "good neighbor team" member. Good neighbor teams are groups of six to ten caring individuals from a local church or organization who will welcome and walk alongside a newly arrived refugee family as they begin their new lives.



There is a “camp tree” set up in the Welcome Center. This tree is full of pre-addressed envelopes and blank cards for you to use to write a note to a child going to camp this summer. Each envelope contains a “camper info sheet” that tells you some info about the camper, such as their age and how many times they have been to camp. Also included is an optimal date range to mail your note to ensure it makes it to your camper while they are at camp. If you have any questions about camp notes, please see Sarah Gross.

Our campers are listed below along with the weeks they are attending camps. Please pray that each one will grow in his or her relationship with Christ this summer at camp.

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)*

Liam Hildebrandt, July 24-28 (Adventure Quest Overnight)

Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)

Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

Walter Marshall, July 9-13 (Theme: Discover where God is working)

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

Help us prepare for STELLAR Vacation Bible School and Shine Jesus' Light!!!!

At our church, VBS is an all-church, all-in, ministry! People of every age help to prepare, to serve, to make this impactful week possible. God surely uses this week to deepen the faith of children, families and even those who work!!



Could you help us prepare for VBS by helping to complete one of the tasks below?

- Tape the Bible buddies posters to cardboard
- Assemble the lunar lander 😊 Instructions included! (2 people)
- Make paper plate portals to view distant planets and galaxies
- Paper mache and paint planets!

Options: Come in and prepare according to your schedule or Join us on VBS Work AfterNoon Friday, June 16 1-5pm at church! Questions? Please see Sandi Munson or Cathy Bush.

Do you have any of these things we could *borrow* for VBS?

- backpack (small solid color black, gray or blue)
- Black light
- Fog machine
- Gray moving blankets (need many)
- handheld mirrors (need 11)
- hula hoops (need 10)
- Large solid black blanket/sheet/tablecloth/material (at least twin bed size)
- Leaf blower
- Night sky/galaxy projectors (need several)
- small rolling pins for play-dough (need 10)



Please bring items in by June 25th! We are happy to return your items after VBS (label with your name!)

Want to donate other items needed for VBS?

See the board in the Welcome Center covered with colorful tags! Sign out one or more tags, gather the items, and return by the dates on the tags. Thank you! Contact Jule Zajac with questions on donations!



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 June 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.



Sign up to help in Summer Nursery! ~ Please sign up to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. 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.* This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!

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.



*If you see **Wendy Bacon**, please give her a big congratulations for her winning the **SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service**. Wendy works at FLCC as Senior Clerk, Office of Instruction.



174 Blankets

Thank You for the generous \$1742 contributions to Blanket Sunday in May! Every little bit helps. Each \$10.00 you gave will provide a warm blanket to someone who needs to know that we care. Church World Service shares blankets and love to those who have been affected by disaster both nationally and internationally. Church World Service gave away 59,910 blankets last year. CWS is many churches working together responding to disasters.


Psalm 23: Surely Goodness Surely Mercy

Verse 1: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In green pastures He makes me lie down.
He restores my soul and leads me on for His name,
For His great name.

(Chorus) Surely goodness, surely mercy,
Right beside me all my days. And I will
Dwell in Your house forever and bless Your holy name.

Verse 2: You prepare a table right before me.
In the presence of my enemies.
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door; I'll trust You, Lord. **(chorus)**

Bridge: And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil.
And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death, You are on my side.
(chorus)



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans)** Thank you for your generous contributions.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MINISTRY

Over the years, our church has been blessed with a variety of safety initiatives, commitments, and activities! Moving forward, we aim to continue the same level of support that we have always enjoyed, along with incorporating new and updated ideas for our church ministry setting. **Interested in participating in safety ministry here at the United Church?** Please contact Mark Slomski (mark.slomski@uccdga.org) so that we can discern together about your involvement!

Dear United Church Family and men’s breakfast group,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your assistance and generosity! My car was stolen last week, and the church very graciously came to my rescue and gave me funds to help cover a rental car and repairs. The way you look out for and take care of one another is a constant reminder of God’s kindness and Christian charity. Thank you again!
~ **Kateri Andress**



Shoulders

Verse 1

When confusion's my companion
And despair holds me for ransom
I will feel no fear I know that You are near
When I'm caught deep in the valley
With chaos for my company
I'll find my comfort here
'Cause I know that You are near

Chorus

My help comes from You
You're right here pulling me through
You carry my weakness my sickness my brokenness
All on Your shoulders Your shoulders
My help comes from You
You are my rest my rescue
I don't have to see to believe
That You're lifting me
Up on Your shoulders Your shoulders

Verse 2

You mend what once was shattered
And You turn my tears to laughter
Your forgiveness is my fortress
Oh Your mercy is relentless

Bridge

My help is from You
My help is from You
(REPEAT)

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