

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

September 1, 2024

PRELUDE: “*Prélude*” by Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: Through the story of Jacob and Esau’s reconciliation, we recognize the transformative power of God’s forgiveness.

INTROIT: “I Love You, Lord” (Hymn #124)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, all who are weary and burdened, for the God who reconciled Jacob and Esau invites us into His presence.

**People: We come seeking peace, forgiveness, and the healing of broken relationships.**

Leader: As God softened Esau’s heart and brought Jacob to a place of humility, may He soften our hearts today.

**People: We come to bow down, to confess, and to receive the grace that transforms.**

**All: Let us worship the God of reconciliation, who restores what is broken and makes us whole.**

\*HYMN: #130 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” CCLI Song #1369, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

\*OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, we gather in Your holy presence, seeking Your guidance and wisdom. As we open our hearts to Your Word, quiet our minds and help us to listen with clarity and discernment. May Your Spirit move among us, shaping our thoughts and actions to align with Your will. Lead us, O Lord, as we strive to walk faithfully in the path of Christ. And now, together we pray as Jesus taught us as we sing the Lord's Prayer.

\*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133:1-3 (page 615) {A.B. page 690}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “A Little Prayer” by Mitch Landy

Georgia Sperano (harp) and Joy Van Riper (cello)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (page 1167) {A.B. page 1311}

Sermon

“Reconciled”

(Genesis 33)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #297 “Spirit of the Living God”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Trio no. 9*” by Josef Rheinberger

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

COMMUNION

\*HYMN: #507 “I Then Shall Live”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671*” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

*The first rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Emerson Scott Marlin on August 26th in Colorado. His parents are Tyler and Andy Marlin, and his grandparents are Alison and Phil Boseck. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.*

*The second rosebud is to celebrate the birth of Yayoue Matthias and Marc Simeon’s newborn daughter, Gracie, on August 28th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Wade Allen and family for the passing of their close friend, Dan Lemen. Please keep the Allen family and Dan’s widow, Ella Mae, in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Kathie Meredith for the passing of her beloved husband, David Crowe. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Karen and David Sanford for the passing of their sister-in-law, Nancy Pratt. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn’s daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey’s brother-in-law), Jim Brown (MacKenzie’s father-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Maverick, 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), 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), Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh’s brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd’s friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), 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:** Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Harriet Morgan (Megan French’s grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** JJ Callard (USN) at bootcamp, US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, 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)

**Highlights for This Week!**

- **Fall dates for your calendar:**
  - Sunday, Sept. 8 – Return to 2 services, 8:45am and 11:00am  
Sunday school kick off for all ages at 9:45am
  - Sunday, Sept. 15 – Sunday school begins for all ages at 9:45am  
Bibles given to children during 11am service
  - Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Youth Club begins
- **Choir practice begins THIS Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:00** upstairs. If you are curious about joining choir, we enthusiastically ask that you contact Georgia Sperano. [gsperano@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gsperano@rochester.rr.com)
- This **Saturday, Sept 7**, we need **volunteers** to help **clean the downstairs kitchen**. We will meet from **9-11am**. Please **sign up on Deb’s door** if you’re able to help during that time. You don’t have to stay the whole 2 hours. You may bring your own cleaning supplies if you’d like. A bucket and gloves would be helpful. Thank you!
- **SMALL GROUP SURVEY** - The Small Group Interest Survey will be available for completion next week, in the bulletin! Please complete and return it at your earliest convenience, as the results will guide our small group offerings.
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of September: Sharyn Canham.** Please contact Sharyn if you have any questions about serving as Greeter or Offertory.
- **Nursery volunteers**, please sign up to help in the nursery this fall. We previously created the schedule for volunteers, **but with our new system, you can schedule yourself!** Please use the QR code to sign up for nursery duty. Slots are open between September 8th and November 24th. Each Sunday, we need 6 nursery volunteers. **Please sign up for as many dates as you are able!** If you need help, please contact Louise Van Iseghem, Deb Marshall, or seek tech help after service.



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

**Children’s Time** ~ Due to communion Sunday, Children’s time is not offered today. Worship packets are available for children to use during the service. Alternatively, children ages 5 and younger can go to the nursery if desired. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

**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!**

**Attention parents of 3rd graders!**

All children entering 3rd grade are invited to receive a specially wrapped Bible on Sunday, September 15 during the 11am service. More information will be sent directly to parents of 3rd graders. Be sure to mark your calendar for this special day!



**Piano!!!** The church is getting rid of an extra upright piano (the one up near the chapel). So if you could use it and have a way to move it out, it’s all yours! Let the office know if you’re interested.

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.



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

- Sept 8 – Rally Day
- Sept 29 – Fiddlers Concert
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar
- Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

# MISSIONS

## Faith and Action

### “People on the Move”

- Jacob returns to his childhood home and Esau
- Jacob leaves home and wrestles with an angel
- Abraham and Jacob each had many “changes of address”
- From Ukraine to Canandaigua
- From Haiti to Canandaigua
- From Canandaigua to college campus or boot camp
- Displaced from home in Canandaigua looking for stability

Our sovereign God was with Abraham and Jacob and is now with His people moving to new areas. We are a people on the move.

Each college student, family displaced by war, and family displaced by famine needs a welcoming and safe environment to thrive. Ryan and Alethia White, Christy Lafferty, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather, the BGs, and Tim and Patti Long (our named missionaries) connect with people migrating to western Europe or the USA. With our missionaries we are part of a support network assisting people on the move seeking a welcoming safe place.

**Canandaigua opportunities to assist**

- Salvation Army and CCIA food pantries thank the United Church for regular donations. Tins of meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, sausage, or stew), macaroni and cheese, soups, and cereal are needed. Travel size soap bars, shampoo, tooth paste, lotion and all personal care items are requested for distribution.
- Refugees arriving from Haiti and Ukraine receive a welcome from Called to Care Canandaigua as they live in a new place. Assistance opportunities are many.
- CareNet Canandaigua and Family Promise of Ontario County each have a website listing ministry needed items.

**Thank you for caring for people on the move.**

**Beaver Camp fun!** Check out the website [Beavercamp.org](http://Beavercamp.org) or brochures for more info on:

- Young Adult weekend, Sept 20-22
- Parenting with Purpose weekend, Sept 27-29
- Fall Family Retreat, Oct 4-6
- Scrapbook Retreats and Ministry Leader retreats are also coming up!