

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

## Holy Ground

by Geron Davis (arr. by Steve Taylor)  
(11:00 service)

We are standing on holy ground  
And I know that there are angels  
All around  
Let us praise Jesus now  
We are standing on holy ground

When I walked through the door  
I sensed his presence  
And I knew this was place  
Where love abounds  
For this is the temple;  
Jehovah God abides here

We are standing (we are standing), on holy ground (on holy ground)  
And I know that there are angels  
All around  
Let us praise (let us praise) Jesus now (praise Jesus now)  
We are standing in His presence  
On holy ground

In his presence there is joy beyond measure  
And at his feet, peace of mind  
Can still be found  
If you have a need  
I know he has the answer  
Reach out and claim it, for you  
Are standing on holy ground

We are standing in his presence  
On holy ground

# Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday*  
MARCH 2, 2025



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Order of Worship for  
**MARCH 2, 2025**



*Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.*

**PRELUDE:** “Jesus meine Zuversicht” by Johann Christoph Kellner

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: Jesus’ Transfiguration

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “Seek Ye First” (Hymn #447)

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: The Lord is holy, and His glory shines upon us!*

**People: We come to worship the Lord our God, who reveals His majesty.**

*Leader: On the mountain, the voice of the Father declared, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!”*

**People: We lift our hearts in worship, for Christ is the light of the world.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness.*

**All: We will worship and bow before Him, for He alone is worthy! Amen.**

**\*HYMN #194: “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”** CCLI Song #595772, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty and Everlasting God, Before Your chosen disciples, You revealed the glory of Your beloved Son upon the mountain. As we gather in worship, shine the light of Christ upon us, that we may behold His beauty and listen to His voice. Transform our hearts, that we may follow Him in faith and obedience. Lead us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the brightness of Your truth until we behold Your glory face to face. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we pray by singing... (using debts and debtors)

**\*HYMN #632: “The Lord’s Prayer”**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (page 1143) {A.B. page 1278}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Holy Ground”, arr. Steve Taylor (words on back) United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Deb Marshall

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 99 (page 593) {A.B. page 667}

### Sermon

“Transfiguration Sunday”  
(Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a)  
Pastor Mark Slomski

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #532: “Be Thou My Vision”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY: “Offertoire” by César Franck**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #539: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

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**COMMISSIONING FOR MEXICO MISSION TRIP:** Ken Allen, Ray McMillen, Linda Werts

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: “Postlude in B-flat” by Wilhelm Volckmar**

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Czarny Bigos, Maverick, and Deanna Stocker (family of Ardelle Bigos), Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), 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:** Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Alex Clark (son of Rob and Natalie), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), David Gerstner (Nancy's husband), Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), 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), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), 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 at home:** Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries' daughter), Karen Roaix

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

**MILITARY SERVICE:** JJ Callard (USN), 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), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

## Highlights for This Week

- **Lent Devotionals** - Grab a copy of either devotional offered in the Welcome Center. Free will donations can be placed in the offering plate, specifically to the "Adult Education Fund".
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for March: Steward Dan Frye.** Please contact Dan if you need help signing up.
- **Game Night** - Saturday March 8, 6:30 pm - All are invited!
- We need **7 dozen brownies** for Youth Club dessert delivered to church **by 4pm on Wednesday, March 12.** Please no peanuts/tree nuts or nut products such as peanut oil or almond extract. If you can bake a dozen or two, please let Deb Marshall know. Thank you!
- **Youth Fun Night** - Saturday, March 15, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm - For Middle School and High School students! Princess Pajama Party and Young Lions breakout groups. More details and registration to come.
- We are in **need** of more **nursery volunteers - especially** for the **early service.** You can serve once every 3 months, once a month, or more often if you would like. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, **please see Louise VanIseghem or Deb Marshall.** All volunteers will need to complete a simple background check.
- We are forming a **Women's Prayer Group.** Come and join us! We will meet in the Fellowship Room at 10:00 Friday mornings for about an hour. We will be praying for our church, our families, and our community. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Stave.

## Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during both services and the Sunday school hour. Room 10 (the infant nursery) is used during the early service, Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery) is used during the Sunday school hour, and both rooms are open during the late service.

## Children's Time

There is **no Children's Time** today. **Children** are welcome to **grab a worship bag** from the table near the main entrance or library entrance. Parents, please see green information sheet for tips on how to use the contents of the bag. Please return bags with reusable items after the service. Thank 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!**

## Ministry Involvement Day

Save the Date! **March 30, 2025 at 9:45am** - Please join us for a ministry involvement day during the Sunday school hour. Join us for breakfast and to learn more about the growing ministries of our church and find opportunities to use your gifts. High school students and adults are invited.

**Please bring a dish to pass.**



## Youth Club

**Our after school ministry for 2nd-8th graders**

Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

**Parent volunteers for March 5**

**Snack:** Seeber

**Kitchen clean-up:** Seeber, Grube, Vasello, Clark

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

## Bowling Night!



**Saturday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm**

Roseland Bowl, 4357 Recreation Drive, Canandaigua

\$10 per person (\$40 maximum per family)

Pizza, drinks, & dessert provided

Register and pay on Planning Center, or contact Mary Beth Fortunato at mbweber@hotmail.com

or 585-451-1758.

The registration deadline is March 16.



## Save the Dates / Events for Your Calendar

**(watch future Lamplighters for details!):**

March 16 - Organ Concert

March 30 - Ministry Involvement Day

June 1 - Church picnic at Baker Park

July 14-18 - VBS, **registration is now open!**

August 16 (9:00am - 9:00pm) - Youth Summer Retreat - Grades 6-12

August 16 (9:30am - 11:30am) - Adult Summer Retreat

August 17 - The United Church Summer Service at Onanda Park!

August 18-22 - Summer Mission Experiences (6-12 grade students)

August 23 - Red Wings Game



## Missions

**Faith and Action**

### Mexico Mission Trip

Our mission team (**Linda Werts, Ken Allen & Ray McMillen**) headed to the Yucatan leaves this **Saturday, March 8 returning March 17**. Please keep them and their efforts in your prayers.



The Mexico Mission Trip participants need your help **today!** If you have had a past connection with Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar please meet in the sanctuary **today following the 11:00am service** for a photo opportunity. It is our hope to restore a relationship with members of the faith community of Emmanuel when we worship and gather with them on March 11. If others are open to being part of a spirit led possible new relationship please join us as well.

A GoFundMe account has been established to assist with the costs. If you are led to give to this mission, go to GoFundMe.com, search for keyword: **Cedralito**. To give directly- make Check out to The United Church with "Mexico mission trip" on memo line.

**Thank You and God Bless You!**

### Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

There are seventeen individuals signed up to go to North Carolina on our hurricane relief mission trip **April 13-18**. It is a true **intergenerational trip with ages 9 and up!** The group we will be working with is Seabees Outreach Ministry, a ministry of Navy veterans.

If you would like to **help** with this hurricane relief but can't make the trip, the Seabees Ministry has said that **gift cards are a tremendous help**. The stores, in order of priority, that have been requested are: 1-Home Depot, 2-Ingles(regional grocery store), 3-Target, 4-Walmart. Any gift cards can be given to the church office. Thank you for any assistance!

## Kids Kits

This month we are collecting items to fill Kids Kits for Church World Service.



**The most needed items are:**

boxes of 12 colored pencils

2-pocket folders

glue sticks

blunt, rounded tip scissors

12" rulers

hand held pencil sharpeners

unsharpened pencils with erasers

boxes of 24 crayons.

# LILY ORDERS



Please Print Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies at **\$12.00 each**.  
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Place this in the offering plate WITH your check made payable to "The United Church Stewards".  
List in the memo section "Easter Lily". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

**ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 6.**

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

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