

On Eagles Wings

by Michael Joncas (11:00 service)

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall come

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MARCH 16, 2025



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Order of Worship for
MARCH 16, 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: “Herzlich tut mich verlangen” by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: God’s divine protection and sacrificial love.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, all who seek shelter in the Lord

People: Under His wings we find refuge and strength

Leader: Even when we wander, God’s love pursues us

People: His mercy calls us home, His grace draws us near

Leader: Let us worship the One whose love knows no bounds

All: We gather to praise our God, whose arms are open wide to receive us

***HYMN #43: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Loving God, we come before you today grateful for your protecting presence and endless mercy. Like a mother hen gathering her chicks, you long to draw us close to you, even when we resist your love. Draw us near to you now as we worship, and teach us to trust in your care, praying as Jesus taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven... (using debts and debtors)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (page 1163) {A.B. page 1305}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “On Eagles Wings” arr. Wagner (words on back) United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Gary Lanier
(for words, see hymn #356) Jen Petracchi (clarinet) and David Kraft (piano)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27 (page 546) {A.B. page 620}

Sermon

“Love Rejected”

(Luke 13:31-35)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #477: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” by Max Reger

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #602: “I Am His, and He Is Mine”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude in A Minor” by Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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: Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), 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

- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for March: Steward Dan Frye.** Please contact Dan if you need help signing up.
- **Ministry Team Connect** - THIS Tuesday (March 18) - 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the church. Youth, young adult, and adult teams invited for dinner and prayerful discernment, and planning.
- **Organ Concert** - TODAY at 3:00 pm. Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative. Four talented organists, including our own David Kraft.
- **Ministry Involvement Day** - Save the Date! March 30, 2025 at 9:45am - High School students and adults are invited for breakfast and to learn more about the growing ministries of our church and find opportunities to use your gifts. Please bring a dish to pass.

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

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon upstairs in room 26. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.

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 tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us.

We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Nursery Volunteers

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.



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 19

Snack: Cole

We are going ice skating! **Parents**, don't forget, **early pick up at 5:30pm at the GCCC**. Thank you! 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 TODAY!



Parent/Child Library

The **Parent/Child Library** is full of books for all ages on **LENT/EASTER** which is the emphasis for the months of March and April! You may **borrow a book/books** off either the display shelf or the regular book shelf. All families are welcome to use the Parent/Child library *at any time*. Please **sign the book(s) out** and return within 4 weeks. Any questions? See Deb Marshall



Do You Enjoy Knitting?

Join us! The **prayer shawl ministry** meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, and another group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am. Both groups meet in the Fellowship Room. Find more details in the April Lamplighter.

Missions

Faith and Action

Mexico Mission Trip

Our mission team (**Linda Werts, Ken Allen & Ray McMillen**) are returning from their trip to the Yucatan **tomorrow!** Please keep their travels in your prayers.



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip, April 13-18

The planning continues and the mission trip team is getting excited to share the United Church's love for others with the western North Carolina community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. There are two ways we are asking the congregation to help:

1. **Become a prayer partner.** We would like a prayer partner for each person going on the trip - we'll match you up. This entails praying specifically for the individual before and during the trip and providing three notes to them to be opened during the trip. Email Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. **Of course, we would like everyone to be praying for the group and the people we will be helping!**
2. Another way to help this effort is by providing **gift cards** for the Seabees Outreach group to use in their work. 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!

Family Promise of Ontario County

Family Promise has started construction on the new Static site here in Canandaigua with plans to open it in the fall! Once the site is open there will be opportunities for our congregation to be involved in an ongoing capacity! We can't wait.

In the meantime, the United Church is supporting Family Promise and their clients with gift cards. Any donations of **Walmart, Aldi or Tops cards in \$25 or \$50 increments** would be greatly appreciated. **Gas cards** are also always needed. Please give any cards (marked Family Promise) to the church office or place in the offering plate by April 27. Thank you for your support of this local effort!



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
- 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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