

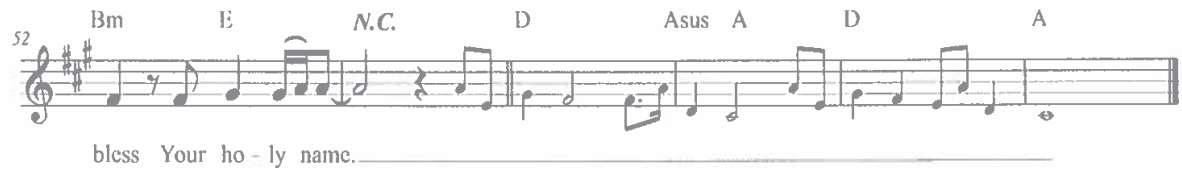


Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness Surely Mercy) - 3

**CHORUS**



**OUTRO**



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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

## Sunday

MAY 11, 2025



THE  
**UNITED  
CHURCH**  
CANADA



Order of Worship for  
MAY 11, 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:** Prelude on “Brother James’s Air” by Searle Wright

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God is our constant presence through every season of life.

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “We Worship and Adore You” (Hymn #33)

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of our Shepherd.*

**People:** The One who leads us beside quiet waters.

*Leader: The One who prepares a table before us.*

**People:** The One who invites us to dwell in His house forever.

*Leader: Enter this place of worship.*

**People:** For here we will find green pastures for our souls.

**All:** Let us worship the Lord, our Shepherd, in whose presence our cups overflow and whose goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives.

**\*HYMN #615:** “The Lord, My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious Shepherd, we come to you this morning seeking your guidance through both green pastures and dark valleys, knowing your rod and staff comfort us along the way. As we meditate on your Word together, we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven...

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Revelation 7:9-17 (page 1220) {A.B. page 1389}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (11:00) “Bright and Beautiful” arr. Martin (words on insert)  
United Church Choir, Youth Choir, Madison O’Brien (flute)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Paul Johnson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** John 10:22-30 (page 1062) {A.B. page 1180}

### Sermon

“From Pastures to Palaces”

(Psalm 23)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**HYMN:** “Psalm 23” (chorus printed on back)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** “March” by Henry Purcell

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN #619:** “God Will Take Care of You”

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Prelude and Fugue in G Major” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Lou Verspoor, Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Arlene Willett, Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Dave and Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (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), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), 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:** Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), 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), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and 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)

**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), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple) and prayers for a smooth transition as Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather and Ryan & Althia White as they end their time as PCUSA missionaries.

## Highlights for This Week

- **NEW!** "Pop-up" **playdates - Thursdays in May** (May 15, 22, and 29) at the "**Pirate Playground**" on Outhouse Road, **9:30-11:30am**. All moms, grandmas, caregivers and their children are invited! Come when you can; bring a lunch and stay longer if you choose.
- Mark your calendars for an **all ages Sunday school celebration breakfast on May 18 at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Join us as we review and celebrate our year together. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.
- Also on **May 18**, we will have **Children's Sunday** during the **11am service**. Children will be involved in various aspects of the service and we will recognize our Communicants class as well. We look forward to this special day!
- **Youth Fun Night** - Friday, May 23, 6:30-10pm - Registration is now open for our upcoming youth night! 6-12 grade students invited. MS students will gather downstairs, and HS upstairs. Snacks, fun, and games for everyone! HS students will also be able to paint on canvas - to be hung in the youth room!
- Parents, don't forget that we offer **camperships**!! Our church believes that the Christian Summer Camp experience is so valuable that **we will pay ½ the week's tuition to one week at any summer Christian camp**. It's simple: Pick a summer Christian camp, register your child, and then **send the registration confirmation to Deb**....and our church will pay half the cost. If your family needs a full campership, please let Deb know. **The deadline for campership requests is Sunday, June 1.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for May: Steward Gail Benjamin.** Please contact Gail if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the entire summer!
- **Ministry Involvement Day** - If you were not able to join us on Ministry Involvement Day on March 30, **please be sure to complete a survey**. They are available on the Welcome Center desk or online using the QR code.



## 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!**

## 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.

## 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.



## Parent/Child Library

The **Parent/Child Library** is full of books for all ages on **how God made you unique** which is the emphasis for the months of May through August! 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

## Softball anyone?

The **United Church softball team** will be playing **this Tuesday, May 13th at Budd Park**. The team plays **every Tuesday night** on one of the local fields. Come to cheer us on!



## Tables: In With the New and Out With the Old!



The United Church has purchased **new folding tables** that provide easier portability for our dining area. As a result, we have an abundance of sturdy, **wooden 8-foot rectangular and 5-foot round folding tables** that we can no longer store. If you are interested in bringing home one or more of these tables, we are asking for a **minimum donation of \$10 per table**. Please contact the Staff Relations Committee by email at [src@uccdga.org](mailto:src@uccdga.org).

If you are in need of assistance transporting the table(s) home, we have kind volunteers who are willing to help.

## Save the dates for Fellowship!

**June 1** - Church Picnic

**August 16-17** - Retreats and worship at Onanda Park

**Aug 23** - Red Wings Game



**Missions** Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...

## Today is Blanket Sunday!

Today we are receiving our offering for **Church World Service Blankets**. Through this special offering, we join other people of faith in sharing our gifts with our neighbors all over the world, blessing all those in need with warmth and love. Each blanket costs only \$10.00. Let's see how much warmth, love, and hope our congregation can spread throughout the world! You can use the envelopes in the pews or write "blankets" in the memo line of your check. You may also give online.



A **"Framing Frenzy"** coordinated between Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, the



United Church, and Zion Fellowship is planned for **Saturday, August 23rd** in the Zion Fellowship parking lot! 50-100 community volunteers, age 16 and up, will work together to frame the walls which will become a Canandaigua home for another Habitat family. If you, your family, or friends have interest in a meaningful day of "hands on" service please speak with Linda Werts asap and come to an **informational meeting on Thursday, May 29th** at 7:00pm in the fellowship room.

There is need for "construction" workers as well as volunteers to prepare lunch and snacks, handle registration details, and perhaps other tasks.

**Care Net** is looking for volunteers to work in their center on Tuesdays from noon until 2pm and in other ways. Training is provided. Interested? Please contact Kathi Nacca.

**Living Waters for the World (LWW)** and The United Church have been partners in missions for many years. (Over 30 years)  
Is there anyone interested in training to be a Living Waters for the World (LWW) trainer?

There is a section of the organization called Clean Water U. There are two training sessions scheduled: Ready to lead a water mission team? Reserve your preferred Clean Water U session date early; workshops often fill quickly. A deposit (half of session rate; \$725 for new student; \$400 for alumni) is required to reserve a class slot. Tuition assistance is available from the Mission Committee.

**2025 training dates:**

**June 17-21 (in person at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ)**

**September 23-27 (in person at Camp Hopewell, MS)**

Three areas of training: 101- partnership & Project planning; 102 Health & Safety education; and 103 The system Builders & operation trainers.  
Questions? speak to Ken Allen, or Linda Werts.



Summer Campers

Below find a list of our summer campers. Each child attending camp gets a campership for ONE week of camp. Some children/families choose to attend other weeks as well. Please pray that the campers below have a safe week that is an impactful part of their faith journey.

LeTourneau campers...

- Jesse Cheney: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Sam Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)
- David Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)
- Carter Slomski: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)
- Wyatt Posson: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3), Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)
- Adele Marshall: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3)
- Joy Cheney: Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wild, Wild West Camp (overnight, July 21-25)
- Dorothy Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)
- Violet Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)
- Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Miracle Mountain Ranch campers....

- Hannah Aldrich (July 6-11)
- Paige Munson (July 6-11)
- Sophie Munson (July 6-11)

Beaver Camp campers...

- Adele Marshall (July 6-11)
- Eva Clark (July 20-25)
- Elise Cunningham (July 20-25)
- Lily Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)
- Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)
- Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



Bright and Beautiful  
(11:00 anthem) by Joseph M. Martin

(Chorus)  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.

(Chorus)  
  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
(Sing and alleluia!)  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lift your voice with song,  
Rejoice and sing!

Alleluia!  
All things bright and beautiful,  
(Alleluia)  
All creatures great and small,  
(Alleluia)  
All things wise and wonderful,  
(Alleluia)  
The Lord God made them all.  
(Alleluia)

God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

(Chorus)

# Revisoning our Church Entry and Fellowship Spaces

*~Creating spaces that will facilitate opportunities to make connections with our church family while enhancing the engagement of those new to our church~*

Our Church Teams, Boards and Leadership have been working diligently to create fellowship spaces that are welcoming and embrace our traditions, that also encompass the needs of all while utilizing the spaces in the most efficient way. We are excited to announce that throughout the course of the next few months you will notice a transformation occurring to the entry of our church and Fellowship areas!

## Welcome Center

We are creating an inviting Welcome Center for all to enjoy fellowship before and after our services, located in the Gathering Area.

### What to Expect:

The folding tables and coat racks will be relocated, allowing for improved traffic flow and opportunities to greet and connect with others. The Welcome Center will complement our Gothic Revival Sanctuary by bringing in elements, color and character that is experienced in the Sanctuary, while still being a functioning fun gathering space. You will see wall art and new paint colors on the walls that are in step with the colors of our Sanctuary and are traditional, yet upbeat and fresh. We will enjoy seating and tables for all ages and sizes that are easily cleanable, durable and moveable. We will have improved space for coffee, water, juice and occasional snacks. We will have space to continue to display Back To School and Giving Tree tags for Christmas.

Lastly, as you have noticed, we have a 65" monitor to advise members of the current events and happenings within our church.

## Fellowship Room

Updates to this area will focus on providing a comfortable lounge space for Circles and Small Groups including Sunday School classes. There is also special attention given to creating a consistent and inviting space for grieving families for funerals, as well as celebrating families for weddings.

### What to expect:

You will be able to enjoy meaningful and scriptural artwork that will be enhanced by fresh paint that coordinates with our furnishings and rug. There will be new cleanable, durable and moveable seating. This space will also feature a new credenza for coffee and snacks, as well as plenty of storage for class materials that are in progress. Lastly, our old, broken folding door will be replaced with a new folding door to separate the two rooms when needed.

## Conference Room / Library

This space will contain a conference table and chairs with seating for 20 and it will continue to connect to the Fellowship room to offer a cohesive space when needed. There will be a Library wall that will incorporate our memorial plaque from the existing library.

## Mission Outreach Center

This space will be located in what was previously known as Mark's Slomski's office, with the goal to offer ample space to display and store our Card Ministry, Food items for various ministries and to host our approved sales throughout the year. The Outreach Mission Center will have a wide entry, so no one can miss it!

Our Pastors will continue to work from a shared space within the Pastors Office.

## Coat Closet

Our coat closet will be installed along a portion of the education wing, located across from the Mission Outreach Center.

### Of Special Note:

All existing artwork that has a plaque, dedication or special sentiment will have a home and will be thoughtfully and intentionally placed. We will also have a pictorial history of The United Church that will be developed over time on the education wing walls and the Gibson Street side entry, within our current library space.

We are very blessed to have the resources and talent required to create and enhance these spaces within our church. Thank you for your patience and support with the process. These well thought out goals and plans take time and we will not see the completed vision for several months. If you have feedback or questions please contact us at [feedback@uccdga.org](mailto:feedback@uccdga.org) or you can share your feedback and questions on the Feedback Pew Cards that will be available starting May 11th. **Please place your completed pew card in the offering plate.**