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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH





Order of Worship for OCTOBER 12, 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: "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God's perfect justice and mercy work together, judging rebellion while protecting those who trust Him.

INTROIT: (11:00) "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" (Hymn #585)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Yet He will by no means clear the guilty.

Leader: Throughout history, God has shown His perfect justice and perfect mercy.

People: He rescued Noah from the flood and Lot from the flames.

Leader: The same God who judges sin is the God who saves sinners.

All: Come, let us worship our faithful God!

*HYMN #473: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" (vs 1,3,4,5)

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*OPENING PRAYER: Heavenly Father, as we gather today we acknowledge that You are both perfectly just and perfectly merciful, never changing in Your character throughout all generations. Help us to trust in Your righteousness when we see evil in our world, and to rest in Your mercy when we are confronted with our own sin. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103:8-14 (page 595) {A.B. page 669}

ANTHEM: (11:00) "Wake Up Sinnah, Let the Glory In" by Lloyd Larson (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:1-9 (page 1032) {A.B. page 1145}

Sermon

"Angels, Arks, and Ashes"
(2 Peter 2:4-10a)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN #455: "Kind and Merciful God"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte" by Max Reger

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN #669: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fugue in D Major" by Franz Schmidt

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Lori McMillen, Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Joan Danaher, Martha Ashley, Ernie McKenzie, Karen Sanford, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Everest & Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Deanna and Brexten Stocker (friends 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), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), 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), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), 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: Earl Pettit (appendectomy)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany and deploying to Qatar this summer, 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).

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.

Highlights for This Week

- The church office will be closed tomorrow, Oct 13, for the holiday. Groups with a key are welcome to still meet.
- This month we are taking the World Mission Offering. Please see details in this bulletin.
- Today at 9:45am, please join us for Intergenerational Sunday School in the downstairs dining room. We will enjoy an activity, Bible lesson, conversation, prayer, and fellowship.
- Our Greeter/Coordinator for October: Dan F. Please contact Dan if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!

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 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 Care

Nursery care is offered during both services. We use Room 11 during the 8:45 am service and we use Room 10 and Room 11 during the 11:00 am service.

Children's Time

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



Grateful Thanks from Wendy Stoddard

To my church community,

I am very grateful for all of your love, which has been expressed concretely through prayers, meals and cards. I send my thanks to all of those in this precious community. May your kind spirits be richly blessed. Love, Wendy

Financial Check-in

As our ministry and programs have started back up for the fall, your continued financial support is essential so that we don't have to draw funds from our savings. Please use the link below to check to see how you are doing on your 2025 pledged giving. If you are behind, please do your best to catch up. If you can give some extra, that would be a great help. Thank you! https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/giving/profile/pledges

Friends & Fellowship: 85 & Up Fall Event

Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 am

We're excited to host a special fall gathering for all in our church family who are **85** and older. This meaningful event begins in the sanctuary with a time of music, devotion, and Communion, followed by lunch and shared fellowship.

Whether you are a Senior Companion or simply part of this cherished age group, we hope you'll join us for a morning filled with encouragement, connection, and celebration.

RSVP to Christy @ christy.allen@uccdga.org or the Church office





Youth Fall Event

Sunday, October 26 - MS & HS students are invited for lunch (bring your own) after the 11 AM service, a trip to the **Pick'n Patch corn maze**, and pumpkin carving back at church with prizes, snacks/dinner and a devotion. Cost is \$14-17 (depending on group rates). Parent pick-up at 6 PM. (Note: there will be no high school youth group that same evening).

Game Night

18, from 6:30-8:30 pm. This family friendly event offers an opportunity for church members of all ages to come together and enjoy a variety of board games, card games, and friendly competition. Snacks and refreshments will be available. Bring your friends and family or come solo -- Game Night is a great way to meet new people and build lasting relationships!

Please join us for Game Night on Saturday, October



Check Our Bulletin Boards

The bulletin boards between the Gibson Street door and the nursery contain flyers for many events and meetings that, though not directly church related, are near and dear to church members! Thanks for checking them occasionally. (Please check with the church office before posting anything here.) A sampling of upcoming events:

Jennifer Petracchi's senior recital at Fredonia on Oct 18
FLSO concert here on Oct 19
FLCB concert middle school on Oct 26

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

World Mission Offering

For the month of October, we will continue to receive our annual special offering for the World Mission Offering which will be shared equally with the American Baptist World Mission Offering and the Presbyterian Disaster



Assistance program. This offering provides an opportunity for churches like ours to participate in God's life-changing mission around the globe.

American Baptist Global servants share the gospel in ways that are understandable in their unique places of service. For instance in places like Ukraine, International Mission's Global Consultant Kristy Engel has served internally displaced persons who are suffering the impact of war by helping to create sustainable medical systems. And, International Mission's Mike Mann's ministry uses coffee, a common commodity, to help hill tribe communities in northern Thailand build a sustainable life.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. There are many circumstances outside our control: wars, natural disasters, disease, accidents, and other people's actions and decisions. Our gifts enable sharing the healing love of Christ through communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. By sharing our resources we can respond to the needs around the world, tending to those who are suffering.

You will find envelopes in the pews or you can write WMO in the memo line of a check or choose the WMO fund through our online giving.

Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

requests volunteers for the Monday, October 20th food distribution from 9:00am - 11:00am at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5&20.

"Fall into Canandaigua"

Saturday, October 25th...The United Church will join other organizations at this year's event which features costumed children and their parents visiting booths for an activity and to receive information about the organization. We have much to share with the community! I am looking for volunteers to be present at the United Church booth from noon-1:00pm, 1:00-2:00pm, and 2:00-3:00pm. Could this be YOU? Please let me know...Linda Werts, lwerts@aol.com.

Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The black collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) and the Salvation Army food pantry. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank youfor so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The hand-made cards that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in before or after church to select some. Questions? Please see Mary Lou Havens or Cathy Bush.



Family Promise of Ontario County

The Family Promise new Static Site is under construction on N. Main Street in Canandaigua! Meanwhile their ongoing work of helping current families facing homelessness continues. Our church is assisting by collecting grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests during the first half of October. Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled "Fuel Purchases Only." If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, October

26. If you would find it easier, you can write a check to Family Promise, mark it FP Gift Cards on the memo line.



Thank you for your support of these families in need. - The Mission Collections Team

Notes and Doodles:



Wake Up, Sinnuh, Let the Glory In by Lloyd Larsonn & John Parker

Verse 1

Let the call go out to the end of the world; Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in.
Let the banner of salvation be unfurled; Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in.
For the day is coming with a mighty shout When the Lord of creation calls His people out!

Chorus

Why don't you wake up, sinnuh, wake up. Stop your living in sin. Wake up sinnuh, wake up.(x2) Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in.

Verse 2

You never know when the Lord might appear. Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in. It could be a day, it could be a year. Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in. You can rest assured He's gonna split the sky, So you better get ready now before you die!

Chorus(x2)

Verse 3

If you see the Lord in the eastern sky, Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in.
Tell Him not to pass this sinnuh by.
Wake up, sinnuh, let the glory in.
'Cause I have trusted in the Lord above!
I've believed in His name and in the
Son of love, God's Son of love!

Chorus