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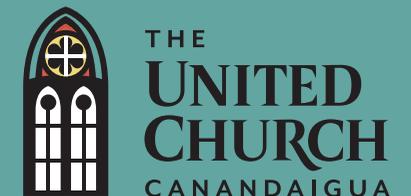
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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MARCH 29, 2026





Order of Worship for
MARCH 29, 2026



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: “Hosanna Filio David” by Jeanne Demessieux

PALM PROCESSION: “Palm Sunday Hosanna” arr J. Raney (see insert)
Adult, Youth, & Bell Choirs

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus comes as a king of peace, calling us to receive him on his terms not ours.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

People: Blessed is the King of Israel

Leader: Jesus entered Jerusalem not as the king the crowds expected but as the king we need

People: He comes on his terms not ours

Leader: He calls us to follow his way not our way

People: To trust his path of sacrifice not our plans for glory

All: Come, let us worship the King who saves through the cross and calls us to follow him

***HYMN #204: “All Glory, Laud and Honor”** CCLI Song #29509, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we gather on this Palm Sunday knowing that the road to Jerusalem leads to the cross. Open our eyes to see Jesus for who he truly is, not the king we expect but the king we need. As we worship together, help us to follow him on his terms, and we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying... 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**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (page 606) {A.B. page 680}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Celebrate and Sing” by Joel Raney (words on insert)

Adult, Youth, and Bell Choirs

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1162) {A.B. page 1304}

Sermon

“The King Nobody Expected”

(John 12:12-19)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #262: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: (11:00) “A Joyous Alleluia” by Susan E. Geschke

Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN #259: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Hosannah!” by Theodore Dubois

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

The palm crosses are given today in memory of Henry and Marguerite Prull by their grandchildren, Tamara, Heather (Ross), and David Prull III.

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Jude Francis Cloutier on February 26th in Denver. He is the son of Dan and Emily Cloutier and grandson of Robert and Pat Cloutier. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Financial update

As stated at the annual meeting, we had to take \$23,997.80 out of savings to continue our 2025 programs, and the pledges we've received so far for 2026 are less than the donations received in 2025. None of the Boyce memorial funding is available for operating expenses. We are asking that you **prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2026 (or making one if you haven't already done so)**. You can do this by completing a pledge form available in the Welcome Center and writing "revised" at the top and returning it to the office or dropping it in the offering plate. Our staff have done an amazing job of holding costs down as much as possible, but we need your help to be able to sustain these programs. Thank you!

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" -- Malachi 3:10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Martha Ashley, Laurie Guyette (friend of the Simpsons), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), 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: Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), 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), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: Tech SGT Nicholas DeVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT 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), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).

Highlights for This Week

- The **Maundy Thursday service** will be this Thursday at **7 pm**.
- **Ferris Hills Communion Service** is **1pm this Wednesday** (special for Holy Week).
- **HS Youth Group (The Cause)** - Off for March 29 and April 5. Will resume April 12!
- **Sunday School (TODAY)** - Enjoy modified adult groups (Downstairs Dining Hall and Room 26) and children's Sunday school (Upstairs). No Sunday School hour during Easter; we return April 12!
- Parents - **April 19** is **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday** during the **11am service**. Your children/teens are encouraged to invite a school teacher to attend church with them that Sunday. We will have flowers for the teachers during the service, and a cookie and punch reception for them after the service. **Please let me know** via text, call, or email, **if your kid(s) is brining a teacher guest** on April 19th. **We need to know by April 14**. Thank you!
- **Attention bakers!** If you are able to bake a dozen or two cookies or brownies for our School Teacher Appreciation reception on April 19, please sign up on Deb's door. Please no nuts or nut products of any kind. Thank you!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for April: Bev. F.** Please contact Bev if you need help signing up.

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!**



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. (**Please note:** Kids in **6th grade and up** are asked to *remain in the service* with their families. Thank you!)



Nursery Care

Nursery care is **offered** during the **late service**. Parents may choose to take their child to the nursery at any time during the service. *All adult volunteers in the nursery are background checked.*



Vacation Bible School

It's time to **register** for **Rainforest Falls VBS!** All children, ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade (Fall 2026) are welcome to participate. Our VBS is scheduled for **July 13-17, 9am-12pm**. We hope you can join us! Feel free to invite friends! You can use the QR code to register.



Getting Involved

Are you interested in **Children's Ministry**, but not able to make a regular commitment? Great news! **We are in need of subs** for many areas of Children's Ministry. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Deb Marshall.

It's Campership Season!

Our church believes deeply in the impact of Christian summer camp, so we offer **camperships** to help make it possible for every child to attend. A campership is **available to any child** who participates in Sunday mornings, Youth Club, or The Cause.



It covers:

- **Half the cost** of one week of any Christian day or overnight camp
- **Up to the full cost**, if there is financial need

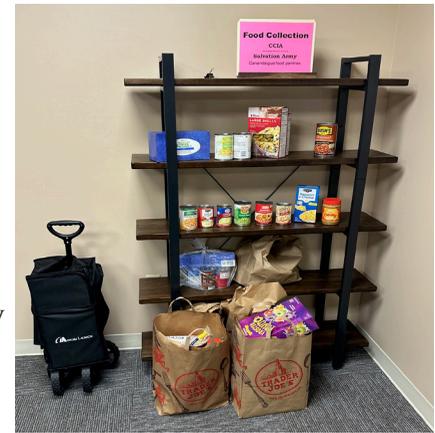
If you'd like to use a campership:

1. Register your child for the Christian camp. (If its Beaver Camp, please get the discount code from Deb before registering your child.)
2. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
3. Email proof of registration to me at deb.marshall@uccdga.org.

I'll take care of the rest! **The deadline for campership requests is May 20.**

Food Cart & Card Ministry

The 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. **Especially needed by CCIA: pasta sauce, tuna, cereal – not always available through FoodLink.** Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.



Silent Auction: Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, June 14, 2026 To Benefit Mission Trips



Do you like bargains? Do you enjoy auctions? If so, the Mission Committee's Silent Auction is for you. The funds raised for our Trip Fund will assist our Youth and Adults as they go out into the mission field. We need **donors** of items such as: home crafted

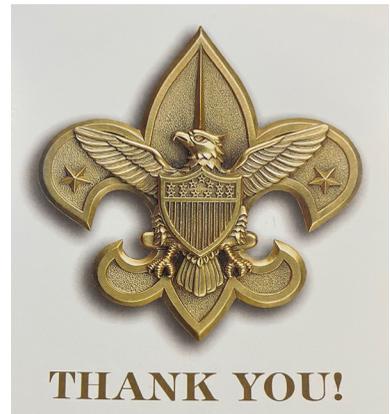
items, store bought items, gift baskets, pledges of your time or talents to help someone (such as 1 or 2 hours of gardening or babysitting time), antiques, a boat ride on Canandaigua Lake, a home cooked meal for a group of people, a cottage rental, etc.



Donation forms are in the Welcome Center and can be filled out and returned to the box, put in the offering plate or mailed in! If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Abdallah at nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585-749-4313.

A Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your generous support of my **Eagle project**. Your contribution funded the **outdoor community space** at the **Family Promise Shelter**. I appreciate your support for this project and hope you can use the space to spread faith to those in need.
Sincerely,
Casey Brown





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

One Great Hour of Sharing

Next Sunday we will be receiving our **annual special Easter offering** for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes were mailed with the March Lamplighter and are also available in the pews. You may also use the Easter envelopes from your box of envelopes or give online by choosing the OGHS fund from the list. Please give as generously as you are able as we serve the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking life's basic necessities.



2026 Mexico Mission Trip

March 19th-28th

The Mexico Mission Team of **Shea Leigh Brown, Ben Holm, Mary Holm, Lori McMillen, Ray McMillen, Marion Nicastro, Paul Salisbury, Linda Werts, and LWW Yucatán Network Coordinator, Eigner Juarez**, has been experiencing the warm and gracious hospitality of our Mayan brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our days in Quintana Roo. From arrival in Cedralito for an annual visit and installation of a generator to our final days producing and delivering the garrafones of purified water in Tabi at “Planta Hiddekel” there has been joy, adventure, excitement, new friendships, and some unexpected situations. But in each of the communities in which we found our presence .. Bacalar, Cedralito, Limones, and Tabi ... we have felt God's hand in the new friendships, fellowship shared in spite of language differences, and transforming relationships which may be carried in our hearts forever. Thank you to our United Church family for supporting us along this journey!



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3

Our mission trip team is excited to share the United Church's love for others with the western North Carolina community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. They arrived in Black Mountain yesterday. We can't wait to hear their stories and testimonies from the week. They are once again working with Valley Hope Foundation (valleyhopefoundation.org). Trip participants are **Louise and Kerry V., Deb and Bruce G., Amelia A., Grace P., Anna Z., Mark S., and Sonya B.**

We would like everyone to be praying for the group and the people we will be helping! Prayer bookmarks are available on the Welcome Desk.

Palm Sunday Hosanna (11:00 service)

by Joel Raney

Hosanna, loud hosanna!
Hosanna, hosanna!
The rocks cry out, the children sing. (X2)
Hosanna, loud hosanna.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Hosanna to the King of kings.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they that come
In the name of the Lord. (X2)
Blessed are they that come (X4)
That come in the name of the Lord.

Raise your palms and banners high,
Jesus Christ is passing by, hosanna.
Glory, laud, and honor, sing praise to our
Redeemer, King, hosanna, hosanna.

Sing hosanna, sing! (X6)

Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on **April 2nd at 7 pm** as we explore the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross.

Celebrate and Sing (11:00 service)

by Joel Raney

Chorus

Lift your voice and sing hosanna to the King.
Come celebrate this joyful day, let alleluias ring.
Lift your praises high, let music fill the sky.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

The lord is my shepard, my comfort in the night.
My strength through trial and tribulation.
My hope, my guiding light.
(My strength, my hope, my guiding light.)
My heart overflows with joyful music,
A sound that resounds through time and space.
The love of God pours out on all creation
Streams of endless mercy and grace.

Chorus

All things, bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
The music that resounds through all
Creation, the Lord God made it all!

Chorus

(Sing alleluia, sing alleluia.)
Lift your voice and sing hosanna to the King.
(Lift up your voice, sing and rejoice.)
Come celebrate this joyful day, let alleluias ring.
(Hear heaven ring! Praise to the King!)
Lift your praises high, let music fill the sky.
Sing praise and make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Make a joyful noise (X4)
To the Lord, to the Lord!