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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday*  
APRIL 12, 2026



THE  
UNITED  
CHURCH  
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for  
APRIL 12, 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: “Mélodie” by Alexandre Guilmant**

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus shows up for the doubter so that we might believe and have life in his name.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Thomas said, *Unless I see, I will not believe.*

People: But Jesus came back for him.

Leader: Put your finger here. See my hands. Stop doubting and believe.

People: Thomas cried out, My Lord and my God!

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

All: We come to worship the risen Jesus who shows up for doubters and invites us to believe.

**\*HYMN #239: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** CCLI Song #3914418, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Risen Lord, you did not give up on Thomas and you have not given up on us. Meet us here this morning and help us to see you for who you are. We pray together the prayer you 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**

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 16 (page 538) {A.B. page 612}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Priere En Fa” by Guilmant (8:45) David Kraft (piano)  
(11:00) Joy Van Riper (cello), David Kraft (organ), Georgia Sperano (piano)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** (11:00)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** I Peter 1:3-9 (page 1200) {A.B. page 1359}

**Sermon**  
“The Doubter Who Believed”  
(John 20:19-31)  
Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #552: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY: “Choral cistercien” by Jehan Alain**

**\*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.

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN: “In Christ Alone” (Music on center of insert)**

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### PRAYER FOR REGINA

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude from “Agapê” by Naji Hakim

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

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Sara Henderson, whose father, Daniel Stella, passed away on April 1st. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Rob Clark, Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Laurie Guyette (friend of the Simpsons), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante and Baby Stocker (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:** Steve J. (Claire Sheppard's brother), 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 DelVillano (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).

## Scriptures for next week, April 19 (Pastor Mark Slomski is preaching)

Sermon Scripture: **John 21:1-19**

First Reading: **Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19**

Second Reading: **1 Peter 1:17-23**

## Organ Recital

Our organist, **David Kraft**, who is a student at Eastman School of Music, will play his senior recital on **April 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY**. For more info see the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

## Highlights for This Week

- 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 bringing a teacher guest** on April 19th. **We need to know by April 14**. Thank you!
- **Youth Events Coming Up!**
  - **Chicken BBQ** - May 23 (Volunteer sign-up coming soon!)
  - **Faith Journey** - May 30 (Juniors and Seniors only)
  - **VBS** - July 13-17 (MS and HS students can support!)
  - **Kingdom Bound** - July 28
  - **Youth Retreat** - August 15
  - **Mission Experiences** - August 17-21
- **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.*

## Exploring Membership Class

**April 26, from 12-1 pm in the Fellowship Room**

Are you interested in learning more about our church community and what it means to be a member? We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Exploring Membership class, where you'll have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of our church's mission, values, and community life.

**Lunch is provided and childcare can be arranged if needed.**

Scan the QR code to the right or call the church office to register.





## 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.



## 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](mailto:deb.marshall@uccdga.org).

Deb will take care of the rest! Please contact Deb with any questions. **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](mailto:nancycabdallah@gmail.com) or 585-749-4313.



## Family Promise

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC) helps families facing or experiencing **homelessness** by providing them a stable place to live, work and financial education, and other support needed to get on their feet. The new FPOC static site on N. Main St is planning to open in May!!!! This will have such a positive impact for families living on the edge. God knows and cares! And so do we!

During **April**, our church family would like to help FPOC by **donating \$25, \$50, or \$100 grocery and/or fuel gift cards, or by writing a check to Family Promise.** Families purchase their own groceries, make their own meals, and fuel their own cars, if they have them. Please consider chipping in! Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate or left with Carolyn during office hours. Questions? Please see Cathy or Mary Lou. Please add your prayers to this and Thank You for your consideration! - The Mission Collection Team



## Kid's Kits

In April we will be collecting items and packing Kid's Kits for **Church World Service.** Each kit is filled with school and art supplies that help children feel cared for, supported and ready to learn — at home, in the classroom or wherever life takes them. We have been given beautiful cloth bags to use (thank you Chris P.) and we are asking for the following items to fill the bags. There will be a bin in the mission area to collect the items **through Sunday April 26** and blue bucket tags showing the needed items will be available (you don't have to get everything for a whole kit, we'll assemble them).



- One box of 12 colored pencils
- One 2- pocket folder
- One glue stick
- One pair of blunt scissors ( rounded tip only)
- One 70 page spiral bound notebook
- One 12" ruler
- One hand- held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons
- One handmade or store- bought pencil-pouch.

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

### One Great Hour of Sharing

It's not too late to contribute to 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.



## POP-UP PANTRY

### Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry"

**will appreciate volunteers** for this month's food distribution on **Monday, April 20th from 9:00-11:00am** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5 & 20. Volunteers are encouraged to stay until noon for a light lunch and volunteer recognition.

## North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

**March 28-April 3**

Once again many thanks to the congregation for supporting the inter-generational mission trip to North Carolina. It was great to re-establish friendships that were made last year and see the progress (or sometimes lack of progress) in the area 1 1/2 years after Hurricane Helene. Please take a moment to look at the Google Photo Album of the trip. <https://bit.ly/4ceJWom>



3rd Hymn

In Christ Alone

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

♩ = 60

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less  
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb

song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and  
 babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
 slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose a-  
 me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

8 Eb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Bbsus Bb Eb/G Ab Cm7

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings  
 save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-  
 -gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 -ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His

12 Bbsus Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb Eb

cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 -fied. For ev-ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
 hand; Till He re-tur-ns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

INSTRUMENTAL

Bbm7 Fm7 Eb Eb/sus Eb

