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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
APRIL 19, 2026





THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA

Order of Worship for
APRIL 19, 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: Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2 by Herbert Howells

*“Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and light to Thee are both alike” (Ps. 139:11)*

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: Open our hearts and minds to our resurrected Lord, who speaks into our everyday lives, and invites us to follow him.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Jesus Stand Among Us” (hymn #803)

United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love.

People: For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

All: May all of God’s people glorify the Lord, forever and ever.

***HYMN #532: “Be Thou My Vision”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty God, You gave Your Son to be both a sacrifice and an example of godly living: Thank you for the benefits of Your abundant grace, and guide us daily to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we pray by 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 116:1-4, 12-19 (page 605) {A.B. page 679}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Crown Him with Many Crowns” arr. Joel Raney

June Pettit and Joy Van Riper (piano duet)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “How Beautiful” by Twila Paris (words on insert)

United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00) Brenda Cunningham

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Peter 1:17-23 (page 1200) {A.B. page 1359}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Come Out, Lazarus” (words on insert)

Mike O’Brien

Sermon
“The Doubter Who Believed”
(John 21:1-19)
Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #536: “Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Improvisation on “Slane”

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.

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #561: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

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POSTLUDE: “Alleluia!” from Exultate, jubilate by W. A. Mozart arr. Maurizio Machella

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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Marion Sumpter's 25th great-grandchild, Quinn Margaret Cafarella, last week! Marion has been blessed with 3 other great-grandchildren in the last few months, as well. It's hard to keep up! Please keep the whole family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Mary Anne Bell, whose husband, Jack Schermond, passed away in December in Florida. 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 26

Sermon Scripture: **John 10:1-18**

First Reading: **Psalms 23**

Second Reading: **1 Peter 2:19-25**

Highlights for This Week

- **Save the date - Sunday, May 17 at 9:45am.** We will celebrate our Sunday school year together with all ages in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!
- **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 by this Wednesday, the 22nd.





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. Check out the camp info/brochures in the Missions Room.
2. Register your child for the Christian camp. (If its Beaver Camp, please get the discount code from Deb before registering your child.)
3. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
4. Email proof of registration to me at 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.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on **Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00** in the Fellowship room. New knitters are welcome to join with us. For info contact Rachel Rensberger at 585-364-4038.



United Church Softball Team

Are you interested in playing for the **church softball team?** All skill levels are welcome (must be at least 16 years old). This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and recreation. The first game of the season is **May 5**. If you would like to participate please call/text Kevin Vadney at (585) 489-9825. Watch for the game schedule to cheer on the team on Tuesday nights!

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.



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
- 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>



Boyce Memorial Gift Building and Infrastructure Update

A BRIEF REMINDER OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN:

2023: The estate of Lester and Grace Boyce generously provided a memorial gift of \$500,000.

2024-2025: The Boyce Discernment Team was established with a diverse cross-sectional representation of the congregation, including staff, Official Board members, Trustees and other congregation members. The team engaged in an intentional prayerful process to determine how to best steward this gift to meet our congregation's present needs and future ministries, while also reflecting the Boyce family's love for our church.

January 2025: A meeting was held with our congregation to share the Discernment Teams process and to invite feedback.

February 2025: The team presented a comprehensive proposal to the Official Board. Following the Board's approval, the memorial gift was allocated across three areas including \$250,000 to Building and Infrastructure Improvements, \$100,000 to Mission and Spiritual Development Support and \$150,000 to Ministry and Program Support Reserves. **Please see the 2025 Annual Report for specific information regarding these allocations.**

Building and Infrastructure goals were identified and include the following areas: Kitchen renovations, Welcome Center enhancements, technology updates, Fellowship Room updates, essential maintenance projects, historic displays and educational space refreshment.

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS:

So much work has been completed already as we enjoy the improvements in our Welcome Center, Fellowship Room and Missions space, along with our new coat room. Refreshment of our educational spaces has commenced with paint in the upstairs chapel, hallway and classrooms. Additional plans for this area of the church include bathroom renovations, some new flooring and new lighting.

We look forward to our kitchen renovations and continued development of our historical display and library in the near future.

Additionally, we have been making improvements in the area of technology and security. A full update will be shared in the near future.

A POINT TO PONDER:

The Ministry and the Feedback Teams have been asked why we are using the Boyce Memorial gift to provide these improvements instead of compensating for deficits in meeting our pledge and donation needs.

Here is the answer: Utilizing this memorial gift to pay our operating expenses would negate the prayerful discernment process the Holy Spirit guided us through. It is also not a sustainable or fiscally responsible approach to managing our budgetary needs. Finally, as a congregation we would risk becoming complacent in our responsibility to faithfully give to meet the needs of our church, as we are called to do.

How Beautiful

arr. Lloyd Larson

How beautiful the hands that served the
Wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long
Dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful (X5)
Is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that
took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose
To forgive and never despise.
How beautiful (X5)
Is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life,
We offer, offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died:
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and
The love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that served the
Wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful (X5)
Is the body of Christ.
How beautiful.

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. If you're interested in car-pooling there, see Georgia or Nancy Burt-Preece.