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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MAY 10, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
MAY 10, 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: “We now implore the Holy Ghost” by Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: The Holy Spirit lives in us, empowering us to love and obey Jesus every day.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Open Our Eyes, Lord” (hymn #536)

United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning as people who were not made to be alone.

Congregation: From the beginning God has pursued us and promised to be with us.

Leader: In Jesus that promise took on flesh and walked among us.

Congregation: And through the Holy Spirit that presence now lives within us.

Leader: Let us worship him together.

Congregation: We open our hearts to his presence and his truth. Amen.

***HYMN #291: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Father, as we gather in your name this morning, we are reminded that you are a God who keeps your promises. Fill this place with your presence, and may your word take root in us today, bearing fruit in how we love and how we live. 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**

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.

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 66:8-20 (page 570) {A.B. page 645}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” by Townsend/arr. Shackley (words on insert) Nancy Burt-Preece, Nancy Lamberson, Leslie Roof, Joy Van Riper, David Kraft (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Jesus Keeps Me Singing” arr. Martin (words on insert) United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Peter 3:13-22 (page 1202) {A.B. page 1362}

Sermon
“Love, Obey, Abide”
(John 14:15-21)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #295: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” by Max Reger

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 #523: “Trust and Obey”**

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BENEDICTION

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

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

Robert Clark's Memorial

The Memorial Service for Rob Clark will take place **this Friday, May 15th at 10 am** here at the United Church. There will be a luncheon in the dining room following the family's return from the graveside service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: 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, 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), 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)

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 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).

Scriptures for next week, May 17 (Children's Day!)

Sermon Scripture: **John 17:1-11**

First Reading: **Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35**

Second Reading: **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Highlights for This Week

- **Young Adult Sunday School - TODAY** - High School seniors are invited to join our young adults as we walk to town and back for some coffee and fellowship during our last class! Meet us at 9:45am in the Welcome Center.
- **Grad Info Requested** - Do you have a high school or college graduate? Please let Pastor Mark or The Church Office know their information (where they are graduating from, their plans, etc.) so that we can include it in church publications (deadline, May 14) and include your graduate in our **Grad Sunday on June 14th**. We will recognize high school and college graduates during the 9:30am service. We will also have a cake and punch reception following the service. We hope you can join us for this special celebration!
- **Parents, don't forget: the deadline for Campership requests is May 20!** 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.
- Join us for an **all ages Sunday school celebration breakfast on May 17 at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.
- **Summer Sunday Small Groups** - We are offering adult and young adult small groups after service during the summer! These will be relaxed groups (no homework!) that will follow the sermon series (Philippians). If you are interested in attending but need childcare, reach out to Pastor Mark. **We begin after service on Sunday, May 25!**
- **Registrations Open!**
 - Kingdom Bound - July 28. 6-12 grade students invited!
 - Youth Retreat - August 15. 6-12 grade students invited!
 - Mission Experiences Week - August 17-20. ALL ages invited! (Details TBA).
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for May: Gail** Please contact Gail 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!**





Vacation Bible School

Registration for **Rainforest Falls VBS** is half-way full! 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 by June 20.



Tin Giveaway!

There are a few empty VBS tins on Deb's desk from past VBS years (2013-2016). If you would like to take one home, feel free to grab it!



Come help with VBS scenery!

If you are willing, we have a place for you. Come for a short time, or stay the whole time - whatever your schedule allows. Questions? Please contact Sandi Munson or Becky Boseck. VBS scenery work days:

- Tuesday 5/19 10-12
- Saturday 5/23 10-12
- Wednesday 5/27 4:30-6:30
- Saturday 5/30 10-12



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.*



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: June 7 - 14, 2026

Help Support Mission Trips (Even If You Can't Go Yourself!)



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." — Matthew 25:40

Have you ever wished you could help people in other countries or communities, but aren't able to travel on a mission trip? **You can still make a powerful difference — in TWO meaningful ways!**

1. Donate an Item

Your gifts help send our Youth and Adult Mission Teams to serve where hope and hands on help are needed most. We welcome: ♪ Handcrafted or store bought items ♪ Gift baskets ♪ Antiques or collectibles ♪ Pledges of time or talent (gardening, babysitting, small projects) ♪ Experiences (boat rides, home cooked meals, cottage rentals) **Donation forms** are available in the Welcome Center. Completed forms may be placed in the collection box, added to the offering plate, or mailed to the church office.

2. Bid on Items During Auction Week

Even if you don't donate an item, **your bidding directly supports mission work**. Every bid helps send our teams into the mission field — and you might walk away with something wonderful.



We also need **volunteers** to help with setup, displays, and auction week hosting. **A sign up sheet** is available in the Welcome Center.

Questions or want to help: **Nancy Abdallah** — nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585-749-4313

Benefit Concert

“Journeys,” a program of original and traditional songs by **Jim Kerr and Wendy Stoddard** will be offered next **Sunday, May 17th, in our sanctuary at 3:00pm.** Please join us with your friends and family for a very special afternoon. A free will offering to benefit Called to Care Canandaigua will be gratefully accepted and light refreshments will be served.

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CALLED TO CARE, CANANDAIGUA

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WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 17, 3:00 PM
WHERE: UNITED CHURCH, 11 GIBSON STREET, CANANDAIGUA

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Save the Date

- Sunday, May 24 at 7:30 pm for the **senior recital of Gillian Vit** (violin), open to everyone.

Information on can be found in the May Lamplighter.



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

Blanket Sunday

Today we are given an opportunity to Blanket the World with Love as we receive our special offering for **Church World Service blankets.** A warm blanket goes a long way in helping to bring comfort to someone in need. Your generous donation can represent God's love and compassion to our neighbors around the world. Envelopes were sent in the May Lamplighter and can also be found in the pew.



Hands On Mission Planning

The “**Hands On**” mission team will meet on **Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00pm.** All are invited to join the conversation as we review past and ongoing activities, talk over opportunities for the rest of the year, and begin planning for next mission trips. Not able to join the meeting? Share your thoughts with Sonya B. or Linda W.



How Deep the Father's Love for Us (8:45)

by Townsend/ arr. Shackley

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

How high, how wide, how pure, how strong,

How deep the Father's love for us.

Jesus Keeps Me Singing (11:00)

by L. Bridges/arr. Martin

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know;
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

There's within my heart a melody;
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know;
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow, child of woe.
It will joy and comfort give you.
Take it then wherever you go.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same as His lovely name,
And that's the reason why I love Him so.
O Jesus is the sweetest name I know.

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth.
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me.

Praise the name of Jesus!