

Gratitude

By Brandon Lake (sung by Austin Blackard)

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

(Chorus)

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah.

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

(Bridge)

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
JULY 26, 2026



THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
JULY 26, 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: “Fugue in E” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: No resume earns what only Christ can give.

INTROIT: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (hymn #452)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We come this morning not because we have earned our place here.

People: We come because Christ has called us, and in him we are found.

Leader: We bring our striving, our credentials, our carefully kept records.

People: And we lay them down, because nothing compares to knowing him.

Leader: This is the freedom of the gospel: not a status to be achieved, but a gift to be received.

All: We gather to seek the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HYMN #86: “We Come, O Christ, to You”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, we gather this morning carrying the things we rely on: our good deeds, our faithful habits, our long-held sense that we are doing enough. Loosen our grip on all of it, and turn our eyes to the surpassing worth of knowing your Son. We pray now the prayer he taught us to pray, saying together ... 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 73:23-28 (page 576) {A.B. page 650}

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Gratitude” by Brandon Lake (words on back cover)

Austin Blackard

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 2:15-21 (page 1152) {A.B. page 1289}

Sermon
“Garbage and Glory”
(Philippians 3:1-11)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***SECOND HYMN (on insert): “Knowing You”**

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Improvisation on “Darwall”

***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.

***THIRD HYMN (on insert): “In Christ Alone”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Toccata in E” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

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

PRAYER SUPPORT IN THE NARTHEX: Trained Care Ministers are available to pray for anyone desiring prayer

Scriptures for next week, August 2

Sermon Scripture: **Philippians 3:12-4:1**
First Reading: **Psalms 84:1-7**
Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:1-3**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Elena Gardner (granddaughter of Karen Gardner), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Cheryl Casey, James Sheppard, Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Everest Ferrante and Ardelle Walter (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, 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: Sumer Miller, Bruce G (brother-in-law of Kathi Nacca), Scott Kesel (friend of Sandi D), David Landon (friend of Sue V and Sandi D), Michael M. (friend of Kathi Nacca), 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), David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber’s brother)

Military Service: USAF Lt. Colonel Matthew Carpenter (Sarah Gross’ nephew) deployed to Middle East, 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).

United Church Softball Schedule

Come cheer on our team! **All games start at 6:45 pm.**
Any questions, ask Sue V or Sandi D!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
Playoffs	7/28/26	NO GAME THIS WEEK		
Playoffs	8/4/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoffs	8/11/26	TBD	TBD	TBD
Championship	8/18/26	TBD	TBD	Farmington #1



Highlights for This Week

- **Coffee and Conversation Small Groups** - After Sunday Service weekly! Come into the Fellowship Room after service and connect about the sermon! We also have a young adult group that will walk to town for coffee and back (they will also chat about the sermon along the way!)
- **Youth Retreat** - August 15 - *Registration open*
 - Youth 6-12 grade invited!
 - Enjoy fun, fellowship, and faith formation at Onanda Park!
 - Theme: Hearing God’s Voice
- **Mission Experiences Week** - August 17-20 - *Registration open*
 - Sign up either online or in the Welcome Center for a variety of service opportunities during this week! Check out the bulletin insert for more information.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for August: Gail B.** Please contact Gail or the office 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!**



Families & Children

Do you have little ones with you? **We’re glad you’re here!** We offer several options to help families worship comfortably together.

We invite each family to choose the worship option that works best for them. ***At the same time, we kindly ask that if a child becomes disruptive during the service, they be taken from the sanctuary until they are settled.*** Thank you for helping us create a welcoming worship environment for all.

Nursery care is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked.

Children’s Time is offered after the Children’s Sermon on most Sundays for **children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.**

The narthex (the area through the back doors of the sanctuary) is also **available throughout the service for children and a caregiver.** This space allows you to continue seeing and hearing the service while giving your child the freedom to move around or make a little noise.





July Card Connection - One More Week!

Cards for our **July Card Connection** will be available for one more week, through the end of July, in the Welcome Center at the metal trees.

Our Senior Companions are part of our church family who are not always able to participate in church life as fully as they once did and value meaningful ways of staying connected. Please consider choosing a card and sending a cheerful note, a friendly hello, and a reminder that they are remembered and cherished by their church family.

There's still time to choose a card and send a note of encouragement!

We Hope to See You This Wednesday!

Care Ministry volunteers are invited to our **Annual Care Ministry Volunteer Ice Cream Social this Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30 PM in the Welcome Center.**

Whether you serve as a Steward, Care Minister, or as part of the Support, Visitation, Hospitality, Meal Train, Transportation, Card Ministry, or Prayer Shawl/Crafty Christians teams, we hope you'll join us!

There will be no meeting and no agenda—just ice cream, good conversation, and time to connect as we celebrate and thank all who help care for our church family.



Red Wings Baseball Game at ESL Ballpark

Sunday, August 30 – Game Time 1:05 pm, but come at least ½ hour early so you don't miss the **National Anthem sung by our very own Youth Choir!** (The photo below is from a few years ago.) Tickets are \$11 per person and will be on sale from August 2 - 16. **Watch your bulletin for a link to purchase tickets.**



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

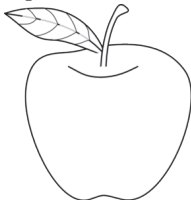
Mission Grocery Donations

Food costs are going up and families are experiencing more food insecurity. CCIA is experiencing a large jump in the number of 1st time families. Food donations tend to go down during the summertime. If able, please continue to donate to local food pantries. Food contributed here is taken to the **Salvation Army** and **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** Food Pantries. CCIA currently needs staples such as **spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, and cereal** (which is not always available through FoodLink). Thank you for sharing!



Back to School Angel Tree – **Look for the apples!**

As moms and dads know, buying all those school supplies for the fall can really add up! Let's give several families connected with our church a great start to the school year! For **3 Sundays in August**, school supply tag apples will be up on the Welcome Center giving trees. We invite you to please choose a tag and return the items **with** the tag to church **by Sunday, August 23**. Supplies are needed by this date so we can sort and get to these families before Labor Day. Last year we were able to help 8 students with this boost. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? See Cathy Bush, Carolyn Russell or Mary Lou Havens. If YOUR children need school supply assistance, please let us know!



Below find a list of our summer campers. Each child attending camp gets a campership for one week of camp. Please pray that the campers below have a safe week and that their experience is an impactful part of their faith journey. We have 34 campers attending Christian camp this year! Praise the Lord!

Summer Campers

Beaver Camp

Elise C - Aug 2-7, Bears
Adele M - Aug 2-7, Bears
Isaiah S - Aug 2-7, Bears
Josiah S - Aug 2-7, Beavers
Aubrey B - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp
Lily M - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp
Amelia C - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp*
Anna Z - Aug 9-14, Teen Camp

LeTourneau Christian Camp

Sam Q - July 27-31, Knights and Riders
David Q - July 27-31, Knights and Riders
Jesse C - Aug 3-7, Wacky Water Camp
Wyatt P - Aug 3-7, Wacky Water Camp
Levi A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp
Lizzie A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp
Asher A - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp
Graham B - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp
Carter S - Aug 17-21, Battlezone Camp

*not receiving a campership

Third Hymn

In Christ Alone

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE



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



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-



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



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-turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCES

Loving Jesus and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed



**AUG
17**

DAY 1 - MONDAY

CareNet & Cleaning
9am - 1230 / 1pm

CareNet & Welcome Kits Assembly

Our youth group will be splitting their time between helping CareNet organize clothing and assembling Welcome Kits to be given to Family Promise, CareNet, and Salvation Army!

Church Closet Cleanout

Join the Trustees in cleaning out the clutter in the various church closets! A dumpster will be provided, as big moves are expected!

Balcony Cleaning & Organization (Day A)

Join the Decorations team in providing the Balcony area a little TLC! This small group of people will do big things in getting our Balcony area and the decorations back in shape!

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

Intergenerational Relationships
9 am - 1230 pm

**AUG
18**



Senior Companion Lunch

Our Senior Companions, youth, stewards, and others will enjoy each other's company in an intergenerational setting! We will enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, games, and a meal!



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SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCES

Loving Jesus and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed



**AUG
19**

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

Cleaning & Service Work
9am - 1230pm / 3pm

Youth Cleaning Day

Our youth group will be tackling a variety of cleaning throughout the church, including getting the church ready for the program year!

Habitat for Humanity Service Project

Those 16 & older will be performing a variety of "finishing touches" to the local home we help start at the Framing Frenzy! We will work onsite at: 128 Tillotson Street.

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

Cleaning & Youth Fun Day
9-1 cleaning; all-day at Seabreeze!

**AUG
20**



Balcony Cleaning & Organization (Day B)

Join the Decorations team in providing the Balcony area a little TLC! This small group of people will do big things in getting our Balcony area and the decorations back in shape!

Seabreeze Fun Day

Did your youth support any of our previous service days? They are invited for a day out a Seabreeze! We will end the day with dinner out in town before heading back to church.




**Event
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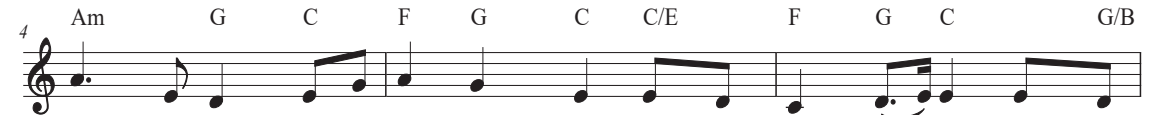


Second Hymn

VERSE



1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this world re - veres, and
(2.) heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be found in You, and
(3.) know the pow'r of Your ris - en life, and to know You in Your



wars to own, all I once thought gain I have count - ed loss; Spent and
known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I could not earn; All sur -
suf - fer - ings, to be - come like You in Your death, my Lord; So with

CHORUS



worth - less now, com - pared to this. Know - ing You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there
- pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness.
You to live, and nev - er die.



is no great - er thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my



joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love You, Lord. 2. Now my love You, Lord,
3. Oh to



love You, Lord.