

## **8:30 AM WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE**

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONGS "Open Up the Heavens" "Mighty to Save"	Praise Team
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" "Come and Fill Me Up" "Draw Me Close to You"	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S TIME <i>Children may leave for Junior Church following Children's Time.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
SCRIPTURE READING <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>	Matthew 20:1-6
MESSAGE <b>"Really Loving Our Neighbors"</b>	Pastor Beth Malone
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone <b>#895</b>
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY	Pastor Beth Malone
† CLOSING SONG                    "Thrive"	Praise Band
CLOSING PRAYER	Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger
† WORDS TO LEAVE BY	Pastor Beth Malone

*Please date and sign the friendship pad as it is passed around.*

**† Please stand for these portions of the service if you are able.**

**WELCOME!** If you come as a visitor, it is our hope you will leave as a friend! Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to GUMC, we feel honored to have you. We invite you to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services, at 9:30 am. We hope to see you next week at either our 8:30 am Worship and Praise Service, or our 10:30 am Traditional Service.



Support the mission and ministries of Geneseo UMC. In addition to traditional giving, we have an online giving option. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera to be taken to our giving page or visit [www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god](http://www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god).

## **10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

- CHIMES Connor Ricotta
- PRELUDE Connor Ricotta
- INTROIT “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Senior Choir
- WORDS OF WELCOME Sue Arney
- CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Sue Arney
- Lector: Give thanks to the Lord.  
**People: Call on God’s holy name.**
- Lector: Sing praises to our God.  
**People: Tell of God’s wonderful works.**
- Lector: The Lord offers bread from heaven to satisfy our hunger.  
**People: God issues water from solid rock to quench our thirst.**
- Lector: Give thanks to the Lord.  
**People: Let everything that draws breath praise God.**
- OPENING PRAYER *(read in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone
- Guide our way, Caretaker God, in the wilderness of our lives.**
- Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul.**
- Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love.**
- In joy and jubilation, we pray. Amen.**
- ANTHEM “I Won’t Turn Back” Senior Choir  
Tom Porter, soloist
- † HYMN “He Came Down” **#2085 TFWS**
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone
- CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone
- SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-6  
**People: Thanks be to God!**
- MESSAGE “**Really Loving Our Neighbors**” Pastor Beth Malone
- OFFERING Sue Arney  
*Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.*
- † OFFERING HYMN by Leonard Sweet *(found in the front of your hymnal)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*read in unison*) Sue Arney

**Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert.**

**We offer you our thanks and praise.**

**May our gifts and offerings bless your world—that all may be blessed, and all may find purpose and passion, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone #895  
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CLOSING HYMN "There's a Song" #2141 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY Sue Arney

BENEDICTION Pastor Beth Malone

† RESPONSE **Shalom (*peace*)**

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE Connor Ricotta

**PRAYERS:** Myrt Merritt, Doug Meyer, Peggy Oltz, Ginny Youtzy.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND:** Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, Shirley Pascuzzo, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room (6A) is open for prayer at any time. You may also drop off your prayer requests there at any time.

**GUMC PRAYER CHAIN:** Do you have a prayer request, joy or concern? Call Carol Becker, to activate the GUMC prayer chain.

**MINISTER**

Rev. Beth Malone

**LAY LEADERS**

*Nurture*- Judy Beeman  
*Witness* – Peggy Oltz  
*Planning* – Bill Lewis

**SUPPORT TEAM**

*Administrative Assistant* - Kathy Rosier  
*Custodian* – Dave Woodworth  
*Nursery Attendant* - Marissa Ross  
*IT/Live-Streaming* - Ivory Simmons

**MUSIC TEAM**

*Director of Music* - Cynthia Towler  
*Accompanist* – Connor Ricotta  
*Praise Team* – Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger  
*Bell Choir* – Sandi Szymanski

**LECTOR**

10:30 - Sue Arney

**USHERS**

8:30 - Jerry & Linda Weaver  
10:30 - Chad Putnam & Fred Parker

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW!

**Adult Sunday School: *God Provides***, led by Pastor Beth  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room  
**TODAY!! September 24**  
Come as you are; no sign up needed!

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**Junior Church for children 3 years - 2nd grade**  
Sundays at 8:45 am in Room 8 (next to the nursery)  
With Janet Lamb

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center is in desperate need of the following items. Please leave your donations outside the Pantry door (Room 6B) or the Parish Outreach Center's office.

- Cereal (preferably low sugar cereals)
- Fresh/frozen chicken or canned chicken
- Canned beans, vegetables, and fruit
- Pancake mix
- Light syrup
- Women's hygiene products

Next Sunday, **October 1<sup>st</sup> is World Communion Sunday**, one of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. This special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

Your donation helps provide:

- Scholarships for graduate students seeking to serve the church
- Racial and ethnic leadership development programs for future church leaders
- Educational preparation for training and mentoring global missions partners
- Help students reach their full potential
- Recruitment & training, and retention of racial and ethnic United Methodist persons around the world in leadership positions in every level of the church and community.

Help us educate leadership for tomorrow. Consider giving to the World Communion Sunday Offering. There will be special offering envelopes in next week's bulletin, or you may give online at [www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god](http://www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god)

**CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

11:00 am - 2:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

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**REV. BETH MALONE'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Mondays & Tuesdays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Other times are available by appointment.

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## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 1**

### **Sunday, September 24**

8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

Praise Team Warm-up

**8:30 am PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**

8:45 am Junior Church for Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Room 8

9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

**Adult Sunday School, *God Provides*** - Wesley Room

*Everyone welcome! No sign-up needed.*

**10:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**

### **Monday, September 25 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE****

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, September 27**

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

9:30 am Bazaar Sewing and Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, September 28**

11:00 am Mildred Johnston Funeral Reception - Fellowship Hall

1:30 pm Newsletter Assembly - Room 3

6:30 pm Adult Study, *In the Footsteps of the Savior* - Wesley Room

### **Friday, September 29**

10:00 am Adult Study, *In the Footsteps of the Savior* - Wesley Room

1:30 pm Adult Study, *In the Footsteps of the Savior* - Wesley Room

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### **COMING SOON**

10/6 Red Cross Blood Drive

10/7 UWF Reading Club

### **USHERS 8:30 SERVICE**

10/1 Kathy Rosier

10/8

### **10:00 SERVICE**

Tom & Joan Pope

June Little & Brenda Mastin

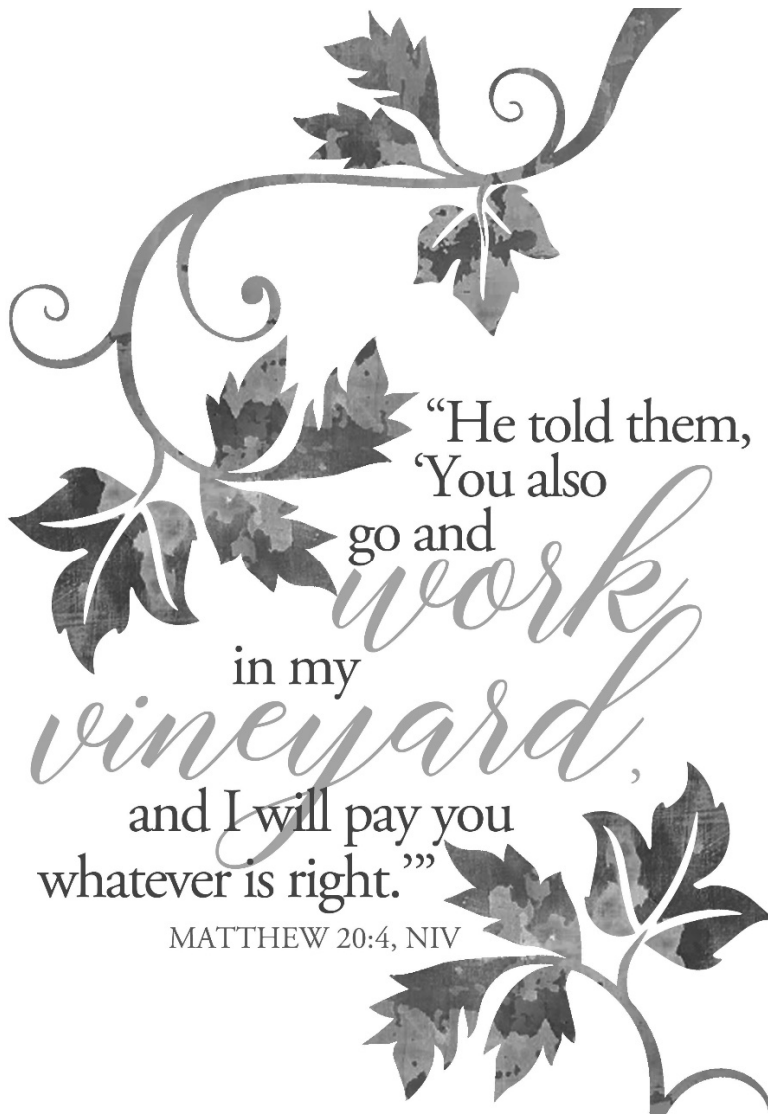
### **LECTORS 10:30 Service**

10/1 Julie Buehler

10/8 Volunteer Today with Sue O'Hearn-Webb

# Geneseo United Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 24, 2023



Following in Jesus' footsteps as a  
welcoming, caring, giving, and  
prayerful community of faith.