

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone
† GATHERING SONGS “I Walk by Faith” “Love Come Down”	Praise Band
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN’S TIME <i>Children may leave for Junior Church following Children’s Time.</i>	Pastor Beth Malone
† WORSHIP SONGS “Yes I Will” “Show Me Your Ways” “Change My Heart, O God”	Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:21-28</b>
MESSAGE “Brought Together to Dwell with God”	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 “Touching Heaven, Changing Earth”	Praise Band
CLOSING PRAYER	Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger
† WORDS TO LEAVE BY	Pastor Beth Malone

*Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.*

† ***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	“My Song is Love Unknown” <i>The congregation is asked to sing with the choir from the Faith We Sing hymnbook, #2083, vs. 1, 2, &amp; 5.</i>	Senior Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME	Bill Lewis	
CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(read responsively)</i>	Bill Lewis	
Lector: The goodness of God beckons, <b>People: calling us to goodness and grace.</b>		
Lector: The grace of God redeems, <b>People: saving us and making us whole.</b>		
Lector: The love of God welcomes, <b>People: inviting us to worship and praise.</b>		
OPENING PRAYER <i>(read in unison)</i>	Pastor Beth Malone	
<b>God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of love.</b>		
<b>Gather us as people of your goodness and grace.</b>		
<b>Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be strengthened with faith and courage.</b>		
<b>Gather us as those who are eager to live and to share your goodness and grace. Amen.</b>		
ANTHEM	“A New Song”	Senior Choir Jeanine Beahen, flute
✦ HYMN	“O God of Every Nation”	<b>#435</b>
✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor Beth Malone	
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	Pastor Beth Malone	
SCRIPTURE READING	<b>Ezekiel 37:21-28</b>	
<b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>		
MESSAGE	Pastor Beth Malone	
“Brought Together to Dwell with God”		
OFFERING	Bill Lewis	
<i>Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.</i>		
✦ OFFERING HYMN by Leonard Sweet <i>(found in the front of your hymnal)</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION <i>(read in unison)</i>	Bill Lewis	
<b>Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure. Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. Amen.</b>		
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER	Pastor Beth Malone	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<b>#895</b> <b>#898</b>	

† CLOSING HYMN #428  
"For the Healing of the Nations"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Bill Lewis  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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 FOR:** Myrt Merritt, Kathleen McEneaney and family on the loss of her aunt.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:** Vineta Johnson, Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, Myrt Merritt, 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 (243-2324), to activate the GUMC prayer chain.

<b>USHERS</b>	<b>8:30 SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 SERVICE</b>
3/17	Chad Putnam	Brenda Mastin & Ray Ingram
3/24	Kathy Rosier	Doug & Nancy Meyer

**LECTORS 10:30 SERVICE**  
3/17 Sue O'Hearn-Webb  
3/24 Tom Pope

Our **United Women in Faith** organization will host the organization's **Genesee Valley District UWF Communion Brunch on Saturday, March 23rd**, beginning with reservation check-in at 9:30 am. Our worship service shall begin at 10:00 am, followed by a delicious brunch. The theme for the day will be "Food, Faith, and Fellowship."

**The reservation deadline is Saturday, March 16th.** Our local UWF organization is "picking up the tab" for anyone, from our church, who wishes to attend. To make a reservation, call Joan Herring (585-330-8077) or Sue Arney (585-721-1302).

**MINISTER**  
Rev. Beth Malone

**LAY LEADERS**  
*Witness* – Peggy Oltz  
*Planning* – Bill Lewis

**SUPPORT TEAM**  
*Administrative Assistant* - Kathy Rosier  
*Custodian* – Dave Woodworth  
*Nursery Attendant* - Marissa Ross

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

**USHERS**  
8:30 - Lynne Heineman  
10:30 - Chad Putnam & Marsha Merrick

**PALM SUNDAY WITH THE GUMC YOUTH!** All kids are invited to participate in a special presentation for Palm Sunday, March 24th. We will **practice on Sunday, March 10th (TODAY!) and 17th** from 9:30-10:00. (We will practice on Saturday, 3/23 only if needed.) The kids will also help to distribute the palms to the congregation. All children are invited to participate as readers, instrumentalists, or singers for our very special holiday.

**Adult Sunday School:** It is good to continue growing in our faith formation. Everyone should be involved in either a study, Sunday school class, or small group.

Please join us for Adult Sunday School from **9:30 - 10:45 am, every Sunday**, except the 1st Sunday of each month, in the Wesley Room. Pastor Beth Leads us using an adult study and video series from Cokesbury. The spring session will be ***Encounters in Prayer and Love***.

Brad Farthing will have a fabulous selection of **artificial flower arrangements for sale**, perfect for spring and Easter, available in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (TODAY!) and 17<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds will be donated to the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center.

**Day Apart Retreat**  
**March 13, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**It's Only Just a Matter of Time – Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Come and spend a day apart from the stresses of everyday life and focus in on God with us at the Asbury Retreat Center on Silver Lake.

The program, led by Bonnie Kreutter, will be held from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Registration is \$30, which includes lunch, and can be made at [www.asburyuny.org/program](http://www.asburyuny.org/program).

Hey Kids! Come join us for **Sunday School** next week, **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:45 (after Children's Time in the first service). Children in Prek-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade meet with Janet Lamb in Room 8, and kids in grades 3-6 join Bonnie Kreutter in Room 3.

Join us on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:00 pm for a delicious dinner of homemade soups, salad, breads and scrumptious desserts followed by our monthly **Soup Supper Program**.

This month Conrad Baker, from the Humphrey Nature Center at Letchworth State Park will be talking about the upcoming solar eclipse (on April 8th) and the Genesee Region.

**COMING SOON**

- 3/19 Praying Grandparents  
Church Council
- 3/20 Morgan Estates Worship
- 3/21 Soup Supper and Program
- 3/22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 3/23 UWF Communion Breakfast

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**MARCH 10 - 17**

### **Sunday, March 10 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT and UMCOR SUNDAY**

7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

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

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

**8:45 am Junior Church - Room 8**

9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

**9:35 am Adult Sunday School, *Encounters in Prayer and Love* - Wesley Room**

9:45 am Mission and Outreach Committee - Room 3

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

### **Monday, March 11**

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, March 12**

1:30 pm Hooks and Needles Ministry - Wesley Room

7:00 pm Board of Trustees - Wesley Room

### **Wednesday, March 13**

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

9:00 am A Day Apart Retreat - Asbury Retreat Center

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, March 14**

6:30 pm Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

### **Friday, March 15**

10:00 am Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

1:30 pm Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

### **Saturday, March 16**

6:30 pm Dominoes Night - Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 17 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

7:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

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

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

**8:45 am Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School - Room 8**

**8:45 am 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School - Room 3**

9:30 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

**9:35 am Adult Sunday School, *Encounters in Prayer and Love* - Wesley Room**

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

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

11:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

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#### **REV. BETH MALONE**

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!

Please call to make an appointment.

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024**



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