

# **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT & DISABILITY SUNDAY**

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

WORDS OF WELCOME  
AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Beth Malone

✠ GATHERING SONGS

Praise Band

"He Has Made Me Glad"  
"Hope of the Nations"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)*

Susan O'Hearn-Webb

*Adapted from Rev. Dave Wade*

Leader: Lord, how awesome it is that we can gather here today  
and loudly sing praises to your name, and know that we  
are standing in your presence!

**People: Lord, I can't stand. I use a wheelchair and there is  
no place for my chair.**

Leader: It really is great, Lord, that we are able to hear you  
speak to us through the proclamation of the word this  
morning!

**People: I'm sorry, God. I didn't hear what was said.**

Leader: And, Lord, it's so fantastic to be able to read your Word  
along with the pastor, and to recite the creeds, and  
litanies.

**People: This morning my vision is dim, God. I cannot read  
the bulletin.**

Leader: Lord, we really feel blessed that we understand  
everything that is happening around us in the church in  
this hour.

**People: God, why do I learn so much slower than others,  
and must feel, week after week, that I do not really  
belong here?**

**All: Open us, O God. Make us accessible to your Spirit,  
and accessible to all your people.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(read in unison)*

Susan O'Hearn-Webb

Russell Johnson

**Almighty and creating God; we come before you today as  
people who are separated from one another by fear,  
prejudice, and ignorance. By our language, actions and  
facilities we declare insiders and outsiders in our lives and in  
our church.**

**Forgive us and create in us the vision of opening our  
hearts, minds, and doors as wide as the love of God, so that  
no one is left outside. Help us to reach beyond ourselves to  
discover the joy of community. Give us the patience to  
discover that all people have gifts and abilities to share with  
our community of faith. We pray in Jesus name. Amen**

*Adapted from Southeastern United Methodist Agency for Rehabilitation (SEMAR) 2004*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Beth Malone

*Children may leave for Sunday School following Children's Time.*

✦ WORSHIP SONGS      "We Believe"      Praise Band  
                                 "We Bow Down"  
                                 "We Fall Down"

SCRIPTURE READING      **Isaiah 55:1-13**  
    **People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE      "Astonishing Shalom"      Pastor Beth Malone

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND  
THE LORD'S PRAYER      Pastor Beth Malone  
                                 **#895**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY      Pastor Beth Malone

✦ CLOSING SONG      "Just a Glimpse"      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.

**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.



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).

**PALM SUNDAY WITH THE GUMC YOUTH!** All kids are invited to participate in a special presentation for Palm Sunday, March 24th. We will **practice TODAY, March 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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT & DISABILITY SUNDAY**  
**10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "My Song is Love Unknown" Senior Choir  
*The congregation is asked to sing with the choir from  
the Faith We Sing hymnbook, #2083, vs. 3- 5.*

WORDS OF WELCOME Susan O'Hearn-Webb

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Josh Derrick

Leader: We are all God's children, beloved and created by God  
to reflect the Lord's image.

**People: We celebrate the beloved glory of God found in  
every person.**

Leader: We are all part of God's family and God's family reflects  
the image of God.

**People: We are part of a family of God that embraces our  
abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.**

Leader: God's family includes every person. We are a collection  
of people who love God. We are neurologically typical  
and neurologically divergent. Some are fully abled and  
some are disabled, yet we are part of God's family.

Some can move in the world without thinking about access.  
Some need additional access and help to live in the  
community, yet we are all part of God's family.

**People: God's family is diverse and divergent. We are all  
part of God's family. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(read in unison)* Josh Derrick  
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ANTHEM "Prayer of Being" Senior Choir

† HYMN "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" #2271 TFWS

† PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 55:1-13**  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "Astonishing Shalom" Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERING Susan O'Hearn-Webb  
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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)* Susan O'Hearn-Webb

**With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we  
celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God.**

**May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the  
law of love you have written on our hearts.**

**May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they  
bless those who need it most. Amen.**

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

† CLOSING HYMN #428  
"The Bread of Life for All Is Broken"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Susan O'Hearn-Webb  
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

USHERS	8:30 SERVICE	10:30 SERVICE
3/24	Kathy Rosier	Doug & Nancy Meyer
3/31	No early service	Charlie & Carol Becker

**LECTORS 10:30 SERVICE**

3/24	Tom Pope
3/31	TBD

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

Join us on **Thursday, March 21st**, 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.

## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**MARCH 17 - 24**

### **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**

### **Monday, March 18**

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief - Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, March 19**

- 9:00 am Praying Grandparents - Wesley Room  
6:00 pm Lay Leaders - Wesley Room  
7:00 pm Church Council - Wesley Room

### **Wednesday, March 20**

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room  
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing and Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall  
11:00 am Morgan Estates Worship  
6:00 pm Praise Band - Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall  
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, March 21**

- 5:00 pm Soup Supper and Program - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Adult Study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* - Wesley Room

### **Friday, March 22**

- 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  
2:00 pm **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

### **Saturday, March 23**

- 9:00 am District UWF Communion Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 24 PALM 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**  
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.

#### **MINISTER**

Rev. Beth Malone

#### **LAY LEADERS**

Bill Lewis  
Peggy Oltz

#### **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

#### **10:30 LECTOR**

Susan O'Hearn-Webb

#### **USHERS**

8:30 - Chad Putnam  
10:30 - Brenda Mastin & Ray Ingram

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**



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

**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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