

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 1, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Senior Choir
"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"
The congregation is invited to sing with the Choir.

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Julie Buehler

† PRAISE SONGS "Mighty to Save" Praise Band
"Sanctuary/I Exalt Thee"

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Julie Buehler
Lector: What does the Lord require of us?
People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.
Lector: With what shall we come before the Lord?
People: With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.
Lector: How shall we live our faith?
People: With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.
Lector: Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

† OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone
The hills hear your voice, O Lord. The mountains quake before you.
As we call on your name, help us walk in the ways of righteousness and speak in tones of peace.
As we seek to be blameless and do what is right, may our hearts be free from guile and deceit, that we be known as peace makers, the blessed children of God. Amen.

ANTHEM "As the Deer" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5:1-12**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"The Kingdom is at Hand"

HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Beth Malone

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

† OFFERING HYMN (*found in the front of your hymnal*)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*) Julie Buehler
Source of justice and mercy, work through this offering to bring your gifts to the world: righteousness and peace, love and kindness, hope and joy.
May our gifts truly express our gratitude for your many blessings for our church and for your children everywhere. Amen.

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

† CLOSING HYMN "We Are Called" #2172 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Julie Buehler

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

† *Please stand for these portions of the service as 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 after the service, and to Adult Sunday School with Pastor Shiela, in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:40. We hope to see you next week.*

PRAYERS FOR: Karen Ferguson, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, Ray Ingram, and Nancy Meyer.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Joe Kane, and Marion Taylor.

PRAYER ROOM: Our Prayer Room (Room 2) is a space for quiet, private contemplation. It is open for your use on Sunday mornings (except when the Youth Choir is practicing) and whenever the church building is open.

Our annual **Bazaar Thank You Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. We will gather at 12 pm around the punch bowl and the luncheon will start at 12:30 pm. Anyone who took part in the Holiday Bazaar—from setup to clean up, & everything in between, is invited to this celebratory luncheon.

Normally this event marks the beginning of the "sewing season" for our Bazaar ladies. However, they've been getting "antsy" and have already returned to their once-a-week gathering. **All sewers, crafters, and idea sharers are welcome on Wednesdays between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm.** We ask that you bring your own lunch (or make arrangements!),

Save the Date! **Informed to Transform 2026: Back to Basics will be held on Saturday, February 28th** from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Rush UMC. There are several opportunities for you to grow as a leader in your church, including sessions on SPPRC, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance, Lay Leaders, and Dismantling Racism. Stay tuned for more information!

