

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta
INTROIT Senior Choir
PRELUDE Connor Ricotta
WORDS OF WELCOME Doug Harke
† PRAISE SONGS "Give Thanks" Praise Band
"Better Is One Day"
CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*) Doug Harke
Lector: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs
up; do you not perceive it?
People: Lord, we proclaim your praise!
Lector: I am making a way in the wilderness and
streams in the wasteland.
People: Lord, we proclaim your praise!
Lector: The wild animals honor me, the jackals and
the owls,
People: Lord, we proclaim your praise!
Lector: because I provide water in the wilderness and
streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my
people, my chosen,
All: Lord, we proclaim your praise!

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Pastor Beth Malone
**God, you call us, but we ignore your voice. You
speak to us, but we are too busy to listen. You invite
us to see the good things you are doing even in
difficult places and through difficult circumstances,
but our eyes are closed, and we refuse to look and
see. You ask us to join in your work, to be a part of
the renewal of the world, but we think the price is too
high for the people and creation to be someone else's
responsibility. You call us to serve others, but we
think only of ourselves.**

**In the midst of the wilderness of this world and
our lives, you are doing a good thing, but we prefer to
stay in a comfortable place. We lose patience,
demanding you act instead of resting in you.**

**Forgive us for all we have done that goes against
your will and for not doing the things you have asked
of us. Help us to turn back to you, commit ourselves
to follow you, and lead lives of service, even in the
wilderness.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Listen all who pray this prayer,
all are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ! Amen.

ANTHEM Senior Choir
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Pastor Beth Malone
Steve and Kathy Smith, Ellington UMC

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 4:1-13**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"The Call to Service"

OFFERING Doug Harke
*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*) Doug Harke
**We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying
ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace
and hope to all we encounter.**

**May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our
service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in
heaven. Amen.**

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

† CLOSING HYMN "We Are Called" #2172 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Doug Harke

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: Call or text Peggy Oltz (585-519-7614) to
activate our prayer chain if you have a particular request that
you would like our prayer warriors to pray for. These prayers
are kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

We give special thanks today to Marsha Merrick for her service as Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Chairperson for the 2023 – 2025 term. Her attention to the details, reports, and myriad responsibilities are very much appreciated. We also welcome new Chairperson, Donna Maas to the position and thank her for taking over for Marsha.



We are in need of both a **Lector Coordinator** and an **Usher Coordinator**. We have a list of people that have volunteered to be lectors and ushers, but we need someone that will schedule them on



a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Please call the church office (243-3160) if you would like to volunteer for this important job.



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MINISTER

Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADER

Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM

Administrative Assistant

Kathy Rosier

Custodian – Dave Woodworth

Nursery Caregiver – Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler

Accompanist – Connor Ricotta

Praise Band - Randy Bigelow

Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski

Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Doug Harke

USHERS – Allen & Joyce Yarton

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

FEB. 22 – MAR. 1

Sunday, February 22 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**

10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2

10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

10: 40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

Monday, February 23

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, February 24

1:30 pm Newsletter Assembly – Room 3

6:00 pm SPPRC – Wesley Room

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

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

7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 27 OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, March 1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

8:30 am Praise Team Warm-up

8:50 am Choir Warm-up

9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**

10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2

10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

10: 40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

10:45 am New Member Class – Pastor's Study

4:00 pm Confirmation Class – Youth Room

The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Food Pantry is open during Outreach Center hours and on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.

COMING SOON

3/6 Panic & Anxiety Support Group

3/7 UWF Reading Group

Geneseo United Methodist Church

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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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