

**GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**March 1, 2026**

**9:30 am**

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "In Remembrance of Me" Senior Choir

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Julie Buehler

† PRAISE SONGS "Grace Like Rain" Praise Band  
"How Great Is Our God"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Julie Buehler  
Lector: God has gathered us together to worship.  
**People: We have come to worship the Almighty.**  
Lector: Christ has invited us to journey with him,  
toward Jerusalem.  
**People: We have come to worship our Savior.**  
Lector: The Spirit is moving in and among us as we  
prepare our hearts.  
**ALL: We have come to worship the Spirit.**

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone  
**Psalm 27, tells us we have nothing to fear because God is with us, God is our light and salvation. The Psalmist is asking for God's mercy and begging God not to turn away. Can both be true? Can we live with this tension between two realities: our faith and our disbelief, our hope and our despair?**  
**When we journey with Christ through Lent, we want to follow his example as a servant. In our worship then, we begin with praise for who God is, grateful for the invitation to be in the presence of the Holy One. We know God is here with us, keeping us safe, like a hen gathering her chicks under her wing.**  
**Lord, forgive us when we think you have abandoned us when we are in times of deep despair, pain, or sorrow.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: In the name of the one who loves us, you are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM "Prayer" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 13:31-35**  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone  
"Commitment to Service"

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  
**Gracious God, just as you blessed the saints of old when they ventured forth in faith, so now bless us in our living and in our giving.**  
**Transform our gifts and offerings into blessings for a weak and weary world, that all may touch your great love. Amen.**

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

† CLOSING HYMN "Pass It On" #572

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, and Maggie Strout.

**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 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.

The **Genesee Valley District UWF** presents their annual **Communion Brunch on Saturday, March 28th** with Greeting and Coffee at 9:30 am, followed by worship and brunch. This year's theme is "Mapping Our Way Forward." The event will take place at the Rush UMC, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, Rush, NY, with our own Genesee UWF hosting brunch.

Non-perishable food and personal hygiene items will be collected for the Genesee Parish Outreach Center and Rush Food Pantries.

Reservations may be made by contacting GUWF President, Sue Arney at 585-721-1302. **The reservation deadline is Saturday, March 21st.**

**On March 8, 2026 there will be a Church Conference after the service,** to approve the following motions:

Within the Brokerage Account:

1. Transfer the "Endowment Music Account" to a new "Investment Music Account."
2. Transfer the "Endowment Youth Account", less \$5,000, into the "Endowment Current Expense Account."
3. Establish an "Investment Youth Account" in "Other Church Funds" in the amount of \$5,000.

All are encouraged to attend this meeting, however, only Church Members have the opportunity to vote on these proposals.

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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** – Julie Buehler

**USHERS** – Allen & Joyce Yarton

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**MARCH 1 - 8**

**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

**Monday, March 2**

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 4**

- 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, March 6**

- 1:00 pm Panic and Anxiety Support Group – Room 3

**Saturday, March 7**

- 9:30 am UWF Reading Group

**Sunday, March 8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

- 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 Church Conference - Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
- 10: 40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

**COMING SOON**

- 3/10 Hooks and Needles Ministry  
Board of Trustees
- 3/15 Children and Youth Sunday School

**Genesee United Methodist Church**

March 1, 2026



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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