

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Senior Choir

“Come, We That Love the Lord” #732

The congregation is invited to sing the introit.

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Bill Lewis

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“Goodness of God”

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Bill Lewis

Lector: Our gracious God calls us to worship: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

People: We listen, that we may live.

Lector: and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: We listen, that we may live.

Lector: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

People: We listen, that we may live.

Lector: Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

All: We listen, that we may live and come near to God.

Isaiah 55:1-3

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone

People: Holy God, Today we have heard your invitation to come and to seek you. We know that this invitation is offered to us every day and yet so often we think we are too busy to go to you, we are too self-involved to seek you. Sometimes even the

busyness of doing good work gets in the way of us spending time with you, For the times this week where we have failed to spend time with you, forgive us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silence

Lector: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

People: Gracious God, so often we fail to see how patient you are with us. There is a pattern in our life, we ask for forgiveness and say we want to change our ways, and yet within hours we have forgotten, and fall back into old patterns. Lord, open our eyes to our own hypocrisy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silence

Lector: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

People: Merciful God, why is it that we think we are so deserving of your forgiveness, yet fail to extend that forgiveness to others? Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silence

Lector: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, who moves in us, align our hearts with your heart, our will with yours. Amen.

ANTHEM “Loving Hands” Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 13:1-9**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

“The Heart of Service”

OFFERING Bill Lewis

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)* Bill Lewis

Eternal Spirit, Source of healing and wholeness, receive our grateful hearts for your many blessings.

Transform the gifts we bring this day into Christ’s promise of living water for the world.

Bathe those who are touched by today’s offering in your goodness and grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CLOSING HYMN #357

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Lewis

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.***

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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, and the family of Bonnie Cooper.

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.**

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MARCH 8 - 15

Sunday, March 8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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**

Monday, March 9

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 10

- 1:30 pm Hooks and Needles Ministry – Wesley Room
- 2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees – Room 3

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
- 9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
No Finance Committee meeting this month
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 15 FOURTH 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**
- 9:45 am Sunday School, PreK-2 - Room 8
Sunday School, gr 3-12 - Room 3
- 10:20 am Youth Choir - Room 2
Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
- 10:40 am **Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room**

COMING SOON

- 3/18 *Village Elections – No Bazaar Sewing Group*
- 3/19 Soup Supper and Program

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 – Bill Lewis

USHERS –

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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