

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Rose of Calvary" Senior Choir
Bill Lewis, soloist

WORDS OF WELCOME Carol Carey

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" #1
"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" #41

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Carol Carey

Lector: If we are feeling

People: lost, alone, or scared, God welcomes us here and says come, take a seat at my table.

Lector: If we are feeling

People: like you are at home sitting in the familiar pew, or watching on-line God welcomes us here and says come, take a seat at my table.

Lector: If we are full of doubt

People: and wonder if God is real or cares, God still welcomes us here and says come, take a seat at my table.

Lector: If we come feeling

People: settled in your faith, God welcomes us here and says come, take a seat at my table.

Lector: If we didn't really want to come,

People: because we are in the midst of grief and pain, If we come eagerly and are full of joy, a confused mix of many emotions,

All: God welcomes us as we are and says come, take a seat at my table.

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

Loving God, we confess that we, like the younger brother, often live out prodigal schemes and plans.

We wander from your ways, distance ourselves from you, and squander your treasures.

Help us turn away from sin and evil, and turn toward you. By the power of your Spirit, renew and restore us; and help us sense your joyful embrace.

We confess that we, like the older brother, often resent the grace you have shown to prodigals. Teach us to marvel at your lavish grace, and enable us to join the feast of celebration you spread out before us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, you are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM "Like a Flower in the Desert" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

"Service as Radical Hospitality"

OFFERING Carol Carey

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)* Carol Carey

All-seeing God, you see the gifts we have given and the offering we are giving: our treasure and our time, our service and our lives.

Help us perceive the value of your gifts, and the ways our generous sharing brings your realm more closely to this earth.

Bless our lives and our gifts that they might become points of light to bring all of creation closer to you and to your love. Amen.

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

† CLOSING HYMN "Are Ye Able" #530

ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Carey

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, and Dave Klingman.

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.

The Choir's selections today, and throughout Lent and Easter, are from the cantata, "Rose of Calvary," by Joseph and Pamela Martin.

Soup Supper: Join us for a delicious dinner of homemade soup, salad, breads and dessert on **Thursday, March 19th, at 5:30 pm!** Then stay for featured speaker, Jamie Vianese as she shares information about the Glove House Foster Program.

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.**

UMCOR Sunday, March 22nd, seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Funds given on UMCOR Sunday cover UMCOR's administrative costs. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most. **Look for a special UMCOR envelope in your bulletin on next week, or give online at genesemethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.**

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MARCH 15 - 22

Sunday, March 15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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

Monday, March 16

- 12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 17

- 2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room

Wednesday, March 18

- 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
No Bazaar Group this week
7:00 pm Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 19

- 1:30 pm Morgan Estates Worship
5:00 pm Soup Supper – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT UMCOR SUNDAY

- 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
Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10: 40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

COMING SOON

- 3/23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
3/24 Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee
3/26 Newsletter Assembly
3/28 UWF Communion Brunch

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 – Carol Carey

USHERS –

Genesee 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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