

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 22, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Call to Repentance" Senior Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME Shiela Swanger

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
"We Fall Down" #123
"I Walk By Faith" #35

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively) Shiela Swanger

Lector: This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,

People: We remember has done great things for us.

Lector: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: We shout, "The Lord has done great things."

Lector: The Lord has done great things for us,

All: and we are filled with joy.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Pastor Beth Malone

Holy God, who brought your people out of the wilderness, who brought us out of our own wilderness, we confess that too often we do not recognize the work you have done in our lives. We fail to see the streams in the desert, the ways you have provided for us. Forgive us for not seeing and open our eyes.

We fail to trust you. We think we need to care for ourselves, to be self-reliant, so when you ask us to give of our time, we think we don't have any to give and we ignore your call. We don't trust that you will provide. Forgive us for being afraid, and open our eyes to see your presence with us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: People of God, hear this good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in

Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen

ANTHEM "A Rose in the Valley" Senior Choir
Cheryl Nereau, soloist

MEMORIAL DEDICATION Pastor Beth Malone

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **John 12:1-8**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

"The Ministry of Self- Giving"

ANNOINTING Revs. Beth Malone & Shiela Swanger

OFFERING Shiela Swanger

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) Shiela Swanger

Spirit of God, you breathe new life into the dead and stuck places of our daily living. We are so grateful for the power of your transforming love. We bring these gifts, hoping that they will breathe new life into barren places of our world. We bring our lives, filled with new life, ready to serve all your creation.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CLOSING HYMN "I Surrender All" #354

ANNOUNCEMENTS Shiela Swanger

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.

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.

Monies from the Memorial Fund were used toward the cost of the GUMC kitchen renovation project and installation of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Today we dedicate them in memory and celebration of the following people:

Arlie A. Bennett, Jr.	Katie Cooper
Jane Krenzer	James Merrick
Myrtle Merritt	Eric Morris
Charles Nonnenberg	Shirley Pascuzzo
Marian M. Roecker	Johnnie Beth Ruliffson
Zenon Trojanoski	

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY This Sunday 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, or give online at geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.**

COMING SOON

4/2 Maundy Thursday Service
 4/3 Good Friday Service
 4/5 Easter Sunrise Service
 Easter Service

	LECTORS	USHERS
3/29	Lola Hardy	Tammy Price &
4/5	Shiela Swanger	Allen & Joyce Yarton



Support the mission and ministries of Geneseo UMC. In addition to traditional giving, we have an online giving option. Visit our giving page by scanning this QR code with your mobile phone's camera or visit www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS **MARCH 22 - 29**

Sunday, March 22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT & UMCOR SUNDAY

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

Monday, March 23

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall
 2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, March 24

2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room
 6:00 pm Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Wesley Room

Wednesday, March 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

Thursday, March 26

1:30 pm Newsletter Assembly – Room 3

Friday, March 27

10:30 am UWF Breakfast Prep – Kitchen

Saturday, March 28

9:30 am United Women in Faith Communion Breakfast – Rush UMC

Sunday, March 29 PALM 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

MINISTER
 Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADER
 Bill Lewis

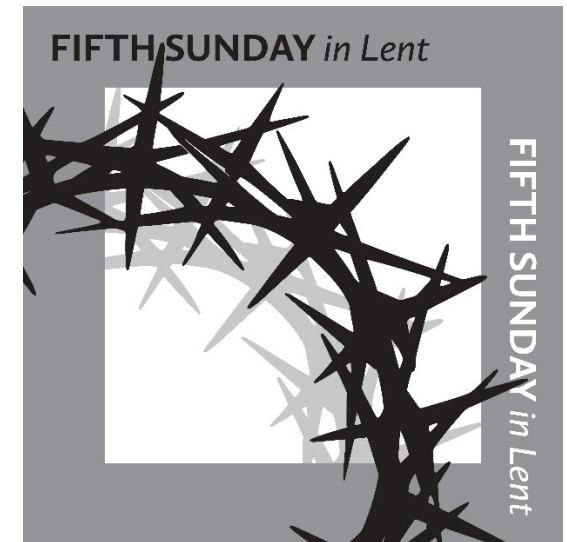
SUPPORT TEAM
Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth
Nursery Caregiver – Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM
Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Band - Randy Bigelow
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Shiela Swanger
USHERS – Jim & Alice Barrett

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 Methodist Church

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Following in Jesus' footsteps as a welcoming, caring, giving, and prayerful community of faith.

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