

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Easter Joy" Righteous Ringers
Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Shiela Swanger

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band

"I Give You My Heart"
"O Praise the Name (Anastasia)"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Shiela Swanger

Lector: Christ has risen

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Lector: Death has been swallowed in victory

People: The grave has lost its sting

All: Christ is Risen!

† OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone

**God of mystery and might, on a dawn
shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with
the light of your wondrous love.**

**We come to the tomb expecting death, but find
life instead.**

**Take us back to that moment, when fear was
healed by hope and death was banished by life.**

**In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we
sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen
today! Amen.**

ANTHEM "Affirmation of Life" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

YOUTH CHOIR "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:1-18**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone

"I Have Seen the Lord"

COMMUNION Pastor Beth Malone

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Holy City" Connor Ricotta, organ
Bill Lewis, Tom Porter, & Ayden Szymanski, trombones

OFFERING Shiela Swanger

*Please date and sign the friendship pad found at the
center aisle end of the pew, next to the cushion.*

OFFERTORY Righteous Ringers

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

† OFFERING HYMN *(found in the front of your hymnal)*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)* Shiela Swanger

**With gratitude and joy, O God, we bring these
gifts for your use, even as we offer our very lives
into your loving service.**

**May our financial assistance and the ministries
of this church bring new life to a hurting world
in need of resurrection.**

**May our gifts touch the lost and lonely with the
assurance that in your arms, life never ends and
love never dies. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND Pastor Beth Malone

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #898

† CLOSING HYMN #302

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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. 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.

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

LECTORS

4/12 Cindy Varner

4/19 Bill Lewis

USHERS

Lynne Heineman & Donna Maas

Chad Putnam & Charlie Becker



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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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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 – Allen & Joyce Yarton

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

APRIL 5 - 12

Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am Sunrise Service – Parnell Pavilion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 7

2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

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

5:00 pm Finance Committee – Room 3

No Choir or Bell Choir Practice this week

Thursday, April 9

6:00 pm Mission and Outreach Committee – Room 3

Sunday, April 12

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

4:00 pm Confirmation Class

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

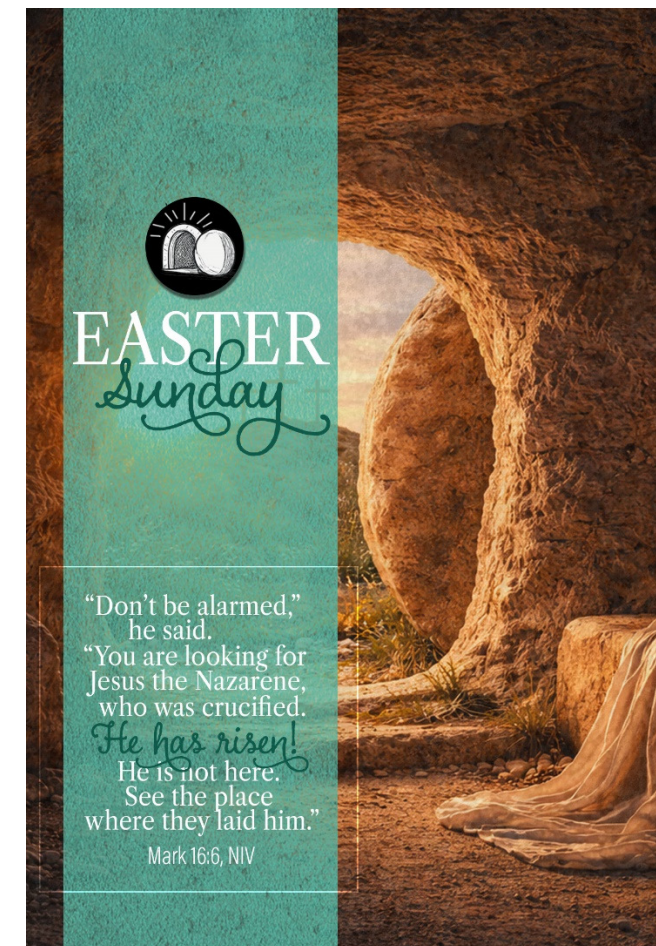
4/14 Hooks and Needles Ministry

No Board of Trustees meeting this month

4/16 Soup Supper and Program

Geneseo United Methodist Church

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