

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "Psalm 8" #743
A responsive reading with sung response.

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Bill Lewis

† PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"Forever"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Bill Lewis

Lector: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,
People: Christ meets us here.

Lector: Even when we become lost and disoriented,
People: Christ rescues us in our need.

Lector: Even when our hearts are touched by the
frost,
People: Christ warms our spirits.

Lector: Even when all light has faded to black,
People: Christ illumines our Way.

Lector: Here in this house of worship enter, rejoice,
and come home.

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

**O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the
world, and whose voice is heard in the soft
breeze: We need your strength and wisdom.**

**Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever
to behold the red and purple sunset.**

**Make us wise so that we may understand what
you have taught us.**

**Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in
every leaf and rock.**

**Make us always ready to come to you with
clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades,**

**like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to
you without shame. Amen.**

ANTHEM "This Is My Father's World" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 24:13-35**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"Mikakuye Oyasin, A Prayer of Oneness and Harmony"

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
**Loving God, you come to us in moments of
grief when we have lost our ability to perceive
your presence.**

**Receive our thanks for meeting us on the road
and for quickening our spirits.**

**Receive our praise for opening your word to us
and for enlightening our minds.**

**May the gifts we bring before you now reflect
the stirring of our hearts, as you heal the broken
places in our lives.**

**May the offering we bring forth stir the hearts
of those in need of your mercy and your grace.
Amen.**

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

† CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2059
"I Am Your Mother (Earth Prayer)"

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.**

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 Bob Taylor

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.

LECTORS
4/26 Doug McCoy
5/3 Julie Buehler

USHERS
Linda Meyer & Brenda Mastin
Henry & Andrea Kelsey

Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. We acknowledge the gifts and contributions of our Native American brothers and sisters with one of the six Special Sundays designated by the United Methodist Church. Donations to the **Native American Ministries Sunday** offering help to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the conferences; fund scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology; and to create beneficial programs including mentoring programs, peer support systems, and funding for economic development projects.

Please consider giving to this special offering. Look for a special offering envelope in your bulletin, or give online at www.geneseomethodist.org/giving-back-to-god

Pastor Shiela is teaching the **Adult Sunday School Class following our worship service**. Get yourself a coffee and goody and come to the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen). We start about 15 minutes after worship ends, and meet for about 45 minutes. We are starting a study on "John: the Gospel of Light and Life," and will be very pleased to have you join us!

Save the date! Our annual **Mother/Child Banquet** will be held on **Saturday, May 9th**, beginning with a "punch bowl gathering" and face painting at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, with a program (still to be determined) at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary by Sunday, April 26th if you're interested in attending.

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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 – Bill Lewis

USHERS – Chad Putnam & Charlie Becker

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

APRIL 19 - 26

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday School, PreK-2 - Room 8
Sunday School, gr 3-12 - Room 3
No Youth Choir Practice Today
Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall

10: 40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

Administrative Assistant Kathy Rosier will be on vacation April 20 – 29. Volunteers will be in the office during business hours. Pastor Beth is available by phone at 585-721-0661.

Monday, April 20

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 21

2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room
7:00 pm Church Council – Wesley Room

Wednesday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 26

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

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

4/27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (May issue)
4/30 Newsletter Assembly
5/1 Panic and Anxiety Support Group
5/2 Confirmation Rally

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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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