

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026

9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT "O Worship the King" Senior Choir

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Nancy Meyer

✦ PRAISE SONGS "Ancient Words" Praise Band
"10,000 Reasons"

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Nancy Meyer
Lector: Look to the heavens, people of God.
People: See the power of the Most High God.
Lector: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.
People: Shout to God with cries of joy.
Lector: Clap your hand, children of Love incarnate.
People: Sing praises to God, our king.

✦ OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone
God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you.
Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power on high.
Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.

ANTHEM "On Eagle's Wings" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **John 17:1-11**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"The Greatest Gift"

OFFERING Nancy Meyer
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)* Nancy Meyer

O God, for your power and might, we praise you.

For your love and mercy, we thank you.

For giving us your Spirit and your every blessing, we honor you with our lives and gifts.

Receive from our hand the fruit of our industry, in ministry to a world in need of your glory.

In the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that we might have fullness of life here on earth, we pray. Amen.

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

✦ CLOSING HYMN #88
"Maker, in Whom We Live"

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Meyer

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: Laura Page, Maggie Strout, and Bob Taylor

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad and Jean 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 **Parish Outreach Center Community Garden**, established on our back lawn last year, **is in need of helpers.** Last year Pam and Dave Klingman, and Jerry Weaver managed the garden essentially by themselves. This year, they're asking for your help. If you can help on one of the following days, even if it's only for an hour or two, please contact Pam at 953-4578.

Sun., May 24	2 people to dig and plant
Sun., June 14	2 people to weed
Sun., July 12	2 people to weed
August	1 person to harvest and clean veggies for the pantry on the days the Pantry is open (Monday – Thursday, 9-11 am)

	LECTORS	USHERS
5/24	Sheila Swanger	Brenda Mastin & Marsha Merrick
5/31	Ayden Szymanski	Bruce & Kathy Rosier

Independence Day, Baseball, and the National Anthem

Come celebrate Independence Day (July 4th) and the 250th anniversary of our country at Innovation Park with the Red Wings!! Our choir will be singing our National Anthem on the field before the game. (They made their debut in 2007!!) **Five-minute rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 9:10 am, in the sanctuary, for those who would like to sing with us at the Red Wings game.**

Soup Supper and Program: Join us on **Thursday, May 21st**, beginning at 5:00 pm, for a delicious meal of homemade soup, salad, breads, and desserts.

Our speaker for the evening is Morgan Dornsife from Margaret Home – a home for pregnant girls and mothers with children in need can live for up to 24 months.

If possible, please bring items to donate, such as wipes, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, and child pull-ups size 2-5.

COMING SOON

5/25-27 OFFICE CLOSED

5/28-30 Upper New York Annual Conference

Red Cross Blood Drive: Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Please consider saving a life by donating at the Geneseo United Methodist Church Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, June 2**, between 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org, or call Doug McCoy at 585-766-5802; email dmccoy15@gmail.com to schedule your appointment today.

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 – Nancy Meyer

USHERS – Jim & Alice Barrett

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MAY 17 - 24

Sunday, May 17

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

4:30 pm Confirmation/Mentor meeting – Youth Room

Monday, May 18

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 19

2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Youth Room

7:00 pm Church Council – Wesley Room

Wednesday, May 20

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, May 21

1:30 pm Morgan Estates Worship

5:00 pm Soup Supper & Program – Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 22

2:00 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (June/July articles)

Sunday, May 24 PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:00 am Confirmation Practice

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

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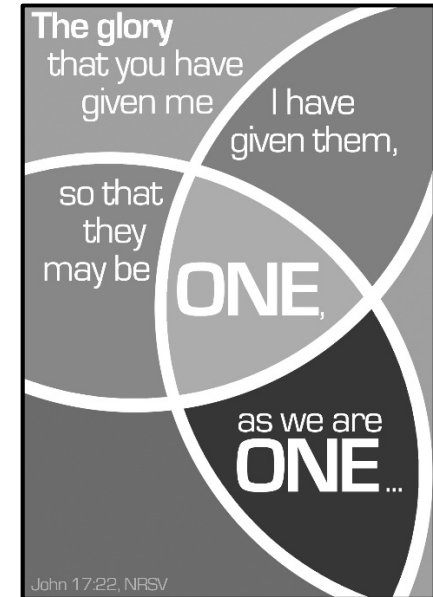
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10:40 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

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.

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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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