

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
August 9, 2026 **9:30 am**

CHIMES

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME Cindy Varner

✦ PRAISE SONGS Praise Band
“Better Is One Day”
“How Great is Our God”

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)* Cindy Varner
Lector: Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the
dead of night. Welcome the presence of
Christ.
**People: We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be
your name!**
Lector: Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of
peace and in the rage of the storm. Nothing
overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.
**People: Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed
be your name!**

✦ OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)* Pastor Beth Malone
**Merciful Christ, fill us with your faith and
courage, that we may never be overwhelmed by
great needs, but rather with your great grace, your
great strength, your great compassion, your great
presence, your great hope.**
**Fulfill your greatness in us and through us for
the honor and glory of your name, for the saving
of lives, for the redemption of four world. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Cheryl Nereau & Cindy Varner
Accompanied by Jim Varner
“Morning Has Broken”

PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 14: 22-33**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “A Ghost Story” Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERING Cindy Varner
*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 Cindy Varner
**Generous One, you reach down to raise us
from fear and death. You reach down so that we
may reach out with your hope and help.**
**Bless, accept, and multiply this offering, so
many may know you, your saving power, and your
saving love. Amen.**

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

✦ CLOSING HYMN “O How I Love Jesus” **#170**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Varner

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

✦ *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: Anita Youtzy, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, and
Jim Swanger.

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.

	LECTORS	USHERS
8/16	Rev. Shiela Swanger	Allen & Joyce Yarton
8/23	Tom Porter	Jerry & Linda Weaver

WORSHIP IN THE PARNELL PAVILION
**Our last outdoor service will be held on August 16th at
8:00 am** in the Parnell Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair and jacket.

The Yard Sale POD has arrived and is located at the back
of the church, ready for your donations. **HOWEVER**, storage
space is still in short supply, so if you’re able to hold on to your
donations until drop-off and pricing week (Monday – Friday,
August 17 – 21), we would appreciate it.



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



Lemonade on the Porch with Pastor Beth and Her Family August 9th from 3 to 5 pm.

All are welcome to join Pastor Beth and her family on her front porch for yummy things to eat and drink. This is a wonderful time to get to know one another and our pastor and her family more.

Pastor's address:
261 Lima Rd.
Geneseo, NY 14454



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8/17-21 Yard Sale Drop-off and Pricing
8/18 *No Church Council this month*
8/20 Morgan Estates Worship

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CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

11:00 am - 2:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

PHONE: (585) 243-3160

EMAIL: GeneseoMethodist@gmail.com

MAIL: 4520 Genesee Street, Geneseo, NY 14454

REV. BETH MALONE

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!
Please call to make an appointment.

PHONE: (585) 721-0661

EMAIL: bsmalone7@gmail.com

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 9 - 16

Sunday, August 9

8:15 am The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
9:30 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Lemonade on the Porch with the Malones

Monday, August 10

12:30 pm Lunch Good Grief – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 11

1:30 pm Hooks and Needles Ministry – Wesley Room
2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2
No Board of Trustees meeting this month

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Finance Committee – Room 3

Thursday, August 13

12:30 pm Lola's Ladies – Room 3

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am **WORSHIP SERVICE – Parnell Pavilion**
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The **Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc.** is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm. The Food Pantry is open during Outreach Center hours and on Tuesday evenings, from 4 – 6 pm.

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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

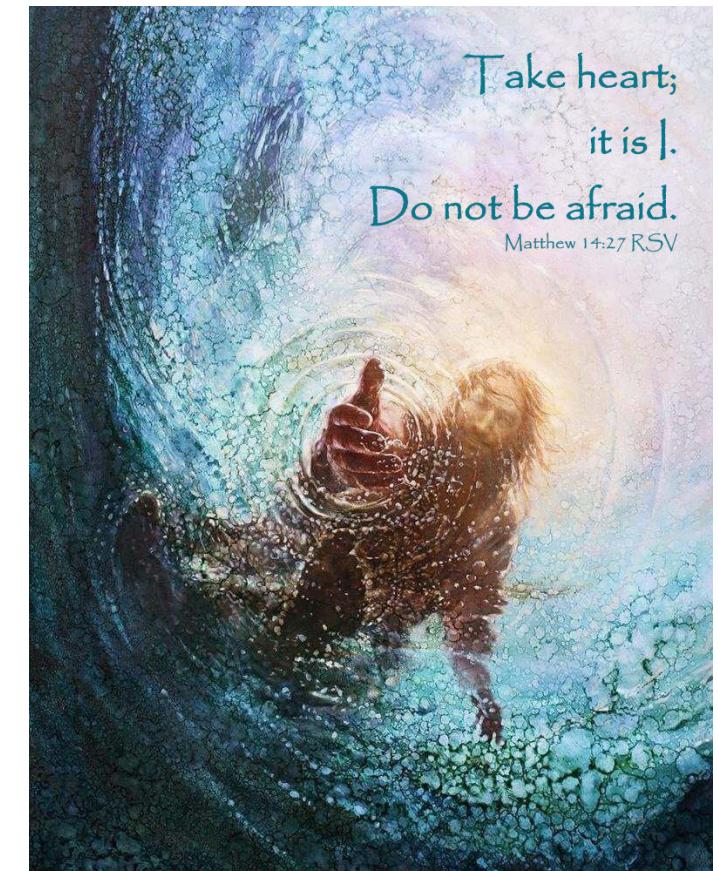
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski

Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Cindy Varner

USHERS – Brenda Mastin
& Marsha Merrick

Geneseo United Methodist Church August 9, 2026



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