

GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 20269:30 am

CHIMESConnor Ricotta

PRELUDEConnor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOMETom Porter

† PRAISE SONGSPraise Band

“O Praise the Name (Anástasis)”

CALL TO WORSHIPTom Porter

Lector: Amid the forces of death and destruction,
People: it takes a village to save us.

Lector: Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,
People: it takes willing souls to pull us from the water.

Lector: Amid the fear and hatred in our world,
People: it takes ordinary people to reveal God’s mercy.

Lector: Come, let us worship.

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)Pastor Beth Malone

Gracious God, we present our very lives as holy and living sacrifices to your purposes.

During this time of worship, we seek the renewal of our minds and the strengthening of our spirits.

Show us your will that we may know what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSICDavid Tilley and Cynthia Towler
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PASSING OF THE PEACEPastor Beth Malone

CHILDREN’S MOMENTPastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READINGMatthew 16: 13-20

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “An Incredible Story”Pastor Beth Malone

OFFERINGTom Porter

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

OFFERING MUSICConnor Ricotta

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATIONTom Porter

Loving God, accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to build your realm in our midst.

Accept our very lives as pledges of our commitment to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight.

May these gifts become resources to draw the endangered from the waters of death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYERPastor Beth Malone

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#898

† CLOSING HYMN#469, v. 1 & 4

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTSTom Porter

BENEDICTIONPastor Beth Malone

† RESPONSEShalom (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.

POSTLUDEConnor 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.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Brad and Jean Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Joe Kane, Laura Page, Maggie Strout, 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.

FLOWERS: The floral arrangement on the altar today is in celebration of the 68th wedding anniversary of Doug and Mary Jo Johnson.

	LECTORS	USHERS
8/30	Doug McCoy	Chad Putnam & Linda Meyer
9/6	Julie Buehler	

Mark your calendar – **Worship at Long Point Park** will take place on **Sunday, September 6th**, on Labor Day weekend this year. Usually we schedule this special worship service on the Sunday after Labor Day, but because Labor Day falls so late, we didn’t want to push that far into September. Be sure to mark your calendar for the 6th and join us for worship at Conesus Lake!

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August 29th
9 am - 3 pm

IMPORTANT YARD SALE ANNOUNCEMENT

I'm starting to put this year's yard sale "duty roster" together, and realize that this year will be challenging. **It turns out, for a variety of reasons, 20 people who worked at the yard sale last year will not be available to help this year - a 20% reduction!** Also, due to increased needs in caring for Aunt Jane, my brother, Bob, will not be available from sunrise to sunset the week before the sale.

I have the cashiers covered... but the "area overseers," especially for the afternoon shift, are lacking. I've pretty much contacted every potential GUMC worker, so as I see it, the only possible solution would be if some people would volunteer to "stay over" from noon until 2 pm to continue helping out. (Once the bag sale begins at 2 pm, you could leave) **If this is a possibility for you, please let Bill Lewis (243-4847) know right away.**

Bill Lewis



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

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 23 - 30

Sunday, August 23

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 Youth Pool Party at the Malone's

Monday, August 24

2:00 pm **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Tuesday, August 25

2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2

6:00 pm Staff Pastor Parish Relations Comm. - Wesley Rom

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

1:30 pm Newsletter Assembly – Room 2

Thursday, August 27

11:00 am Bazaar Picnic – Morgan Estates Community Room

Friday, August 28

9:00 am Operation Move-Out (see Bill Lewis to volunteer)

Saturday, August 29

9:00 am **150 FAMILY YARD SALE AND WELLNESS FAIR**

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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.

COMING SOON

9/1-13 Pastor Beth will be on vacation

9/4 Panic and Anxiety Support Group

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

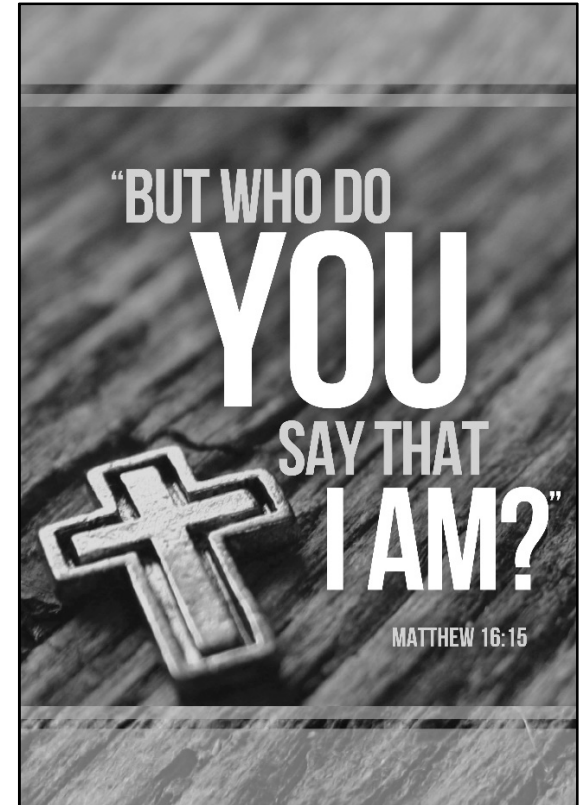
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Tom Porter

USHERS – Gerry & Linda Weaver

Geneseo United Methodist Church

August 23, 2026



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