GENESEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026 9:30 am

CHIMES Connor Ricotta

INTROIT Senior Choir
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

PRELUDE Connor Ricotta

WORDS OF WELCOME Doug McCoy

✝ PRAISE SONGS "Ancient Words" Praise Band
"Everlasting God"

CALL TO WORSHIP Doug McCoy

Lector: The God of our ancestors has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Lector: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Lector: The choice to follow God has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.
Lector: The Lord of life has called us here.
People: We are witnesses.

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Beth Malone

Promise of the ages, we come to you this day to choose the ways of life.

Grant us patience in our waiting, as we watch for signs of your coming kingdom.

We will teach our children your ways, and pass on the lessons of life and death we have learned. Amen.

ANTHEM "This Is My Song" Senior Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Beth Malone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

MESSAGE Pastor Beth Malone
"After All, It's Just a Story"

OFFERING Doug McCoy
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)* Doug McCoy

We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal One, as symbols of our choice to follow you.

Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives.

Hold us to our promises, that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world. Amen.

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

✝ CLOSING HYMN **#732**
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS Doug McCoy

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 TO ALL! *If you come as a visitor, or if you have been attending for years, it is our hope you will leave today as part of our church family. We feel honored to have you. We invite you to join us in a time of community immediately after church in our Fellowship Hall (turn right on exiting the sanctuary and follow the crowd), and to Adult Sunday School with Pastor Shiela, in the Wesley Room (across from the kitchen) at 10:45. We hope to see you next week.*

PRAYERS FOR: Brad and Jean Farthing, Andy Ferguson, Joe Kane, Cheryl Nereau, Peggy Oltz, 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.

LECTORS		**USHERS**
11/15	Nancy Meyer	Jim & Alice Barrett
11/22	Allen Yarton	Laurie Perry

We are in need of a lector for November 29th, and ushers for December 20 and 27. If you would like to volunteer (It's not hard to do!), visit https://tinyurl.com/GUMClectors-nov-dec, or https://tinyurl.com/GUMCushers-nov-dec, or call the church office at 585-243-3160, to sign up!

Join us on **November 15th to celebrate United Methodist Student Day.** This is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church.

Your gifts provide scholarships and grants for students in our greater church family. Together, we're equipping the next generation to follow their calling. By supporting United Methodist Student Day, we celebrate the power of learning and the important role education plays in developing faithful, thoughtful Christian leaders.

Look for a special offering envelope in next week's bulletin.

Join us for a Free Thanksgiving Dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone—friends, neighbors, members—is invited to a full **Thanksgiving Dinner, on Saturday, November 28**, gathering at 4:30 pm.

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the hall table (coming soon),and indicate if you would like to donate a menu item. You may also contact Pastor Beth 585-721-0661.

SOUP SUPPER AND PROGRAM: Join us on **Thursday, November 19th**, at 5:00 pm for a delicious meal of homemade soup, breads, salad, and desserts at our monthly Soup Supper and Program.

Our featured speaker for the evening will be Dan Lyon, from the Lifespan Fraud Department. His topic is "Spam Alert."

SEEKING A LECTOR CO-ORDINATOR: We are looking for a person to support our Lectors, as Lector Coordinator, your responsibilities include, scheduling, making connections with persons, recruitment and follow-up. Please speak with Kathy Rosier, or Pastor Beth if you feel God leading you in this direction.

SEEKING A CHURCH MEMBER TO CHAIR SPPRC: Our Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee will be without a chair as of January 1st. Donna Maas has done an absolutely amazing job leading us this past year. This is a faithful position that is both fulfilling and challenging as you work alongside the pastor, staff and the congregation for support and building relationships. Prayerfully consider contacting Pastor Beth (585-721-0661) if you'd like to know more.

MINISTER
Rev. Beth Malone

LAY LEADER
Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM
Administrative Assistant
Kathy Rosier
Custodian – Dave Woodworth

NURSERY ATTENDANT
Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM
Director of Music - Cynthia Towler
Accompanist – Connor Ricotta
Praise Band – David Tilley
Bell Choir – Sandi Szymanski
Youth Choir - Beth Feuerstein

LECTOR – Doug McCoy

USHERS – Allen & Joyce Yarton

CHURCH HAPPENINGS NOVEMBER 8 - 15

Sunday, November 8
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
9:45 am Youth Choir (following children's time) – Room 2
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room

Monday, November 9
12:30 pm Mondays with Joy – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10
1:30 pm Hooks & Needles Ministries – Room 3
2:00 pm Disciple II Class – Room 2
7:00 pm Board of Trustees – Room 3

Wednesday, November 11
9:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room
9:30 am Bazaar Sewing & Crafting Group – Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Finance Committee
6:00 pm Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 14
9:30 am UWF Reading Group – Wesley Room

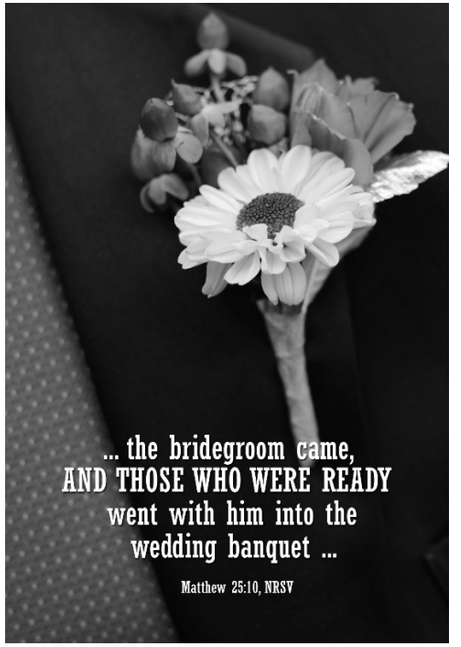
Sunday, November 15 United Methodist Student Sunday
The Prayer Room (Room 2) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.
8:30 am Praise Band Warmup – Sanctuary
8:50 am Senior Choir Warmup – Sanctuary
9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary
9:45 am Youth Choir (following children's time) – Room 2
10:30 am Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School – Wesley Room
2:00 pm Celebration of Life, Jim Swanger - Sanctuary

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
11/16-18 Kathy Rosier, vacation – office closed
11/17 Church Council
11/19 Soup Supper and Program
11/21 GUMC Charge Conference

Geneseo United Methodist Church

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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
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Please call to make an appointment.
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