

We Love  
because He  
first loved  
Us

1 John 4:19



UNITED CHURCH  
of PITTSFORD

May 2, 2021

**The United Church of Pittsford  
American Baptist and United Methodist**

**May 2, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Worship Leader: Logan Hazen  
Ushers: Jeff McCollum, Dawn Hyde**

*The United Church of Pittsford  
is an inclusive community of hope and love  
serving, caring, and learning together  
for transformation in our world.*

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

*If you are visiting today, please complete a visitor's card  
and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your visit.*

**PRELUDE**

Angels We Have Heard On High  
arranged by Wilbur Held

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.  
You, O Lord, are exalted for ever.  
It is good to praise your Name, O Most High!

**\*HYMN #89 (Vv.1,3,4)**      "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all with its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**\*PRAYER**                    (*Unison*)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the moving of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
and humbly magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,

and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1 John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

## SERMON

“God Is Love”

### \*HYMN #576

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,  
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her  
great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.  
As family of the Son of Man, rise up, O saints of God!

## GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND GIFTS OF FOOD

Offertory: On my mind the whole night long  
by George Gershwin

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Doxology (#95)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*HYMN #641 (*Sing twice*)

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

## COMMUNION

Prayers of the People – Joys and Concerns

Invitation and Words of Institution  
Prayer of Blessing  
Serving the People  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Sung by the congregation)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Go the distance  
arranged by Mona Rejino

*\*Those who are able may stand!*

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## ROCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

Cleaning supplies, bar soap, laundry detergent

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## PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD\*

Wegman's reusable bags, paper bags, Target bags, collard greens, spinach, cauliflower rice, bbq sauce, pickles, relish, sauerkraut, olives, small 100% juice boxes, Jam/Jelly, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, sardines, clams, mandarin oranges, pineapple.

\*(SORRY, WE HAVE NO MORE ROOM FOR PASTA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CORN, GREEN BEANS, TUNA OR PEANUT BUTTER)

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## THE CHURCH APP

If you haven't already, don't forget to download the Church App! Here you can watch previous sermons and services, and view the livestream if you can't make it into church one Sunday.

You can also find a copy of the bulletin here for Sunday mornings. There is a link on our website, or go to the app store and search for "the church app."

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## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET SUNDAY

Mother's Day will be CWS Blanket Sunday. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket or kit. If you would like to donate, please put a note with your gift to indicate that it is for CWS Blanket Sunday.

Thank you for your support for families in need.

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## JOIN US!

Celebrate Jimmy's retirement with us at King's Bend Park South Lodge on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Refreshments will be served.

Masks Required. Hope to see you there!