

**BLESSED**

*is the*

Psalm 40:4

man

who makes *the*

**LORD**

his

*trust.*



UNITED CHURCH  
*of* PITTSFORD

*September 12, 2021*

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

**September 12, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Worship Leader: Audrey Johnson**

**Ushers: Dave Nellis, Lynne Vasile**

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

*A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired.  
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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & UNISON PRAYER**

(A Call To worship written by Beth Merrill Neel)

One: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

**All: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.**

One: God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

**All: God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.**

One: So then, let us worship God. We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**All: The One who calls us,**

One: The One who equips us,

**All: The One who loves us without end.**

One: With joyful hearts, let us worship God. Let us pray:

**All: Lord we gather to worship you and listen.**

**Give us ears to hear and hearts to listen.**

**Give us a word to carry with us.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN #57 (v. 1,3,5,7) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 40**

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord  
and put their trust in him.

4 Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not look to the proud,  
to those who turn aside to false gods.[b]

5 Many, Lord my God,  
are the wonders you have done,  
the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;  
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,  
they would be too many to declare.

6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire –  
but my ears you have opened[c] –  
burnt offerings and sin offerings[d] you did not require.

7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have come –  
it is written about me in the scroll.[e]

8 I desire to do your will, my God;  
your law is within my heart.”

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;  
I do not seal my lips, Lord,  
as you know.

10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;  
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.  
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness  
from the great assembly.

11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;  
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

12 For troubles without number surround me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.  
They are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails within me.

13 Be pleased to save me, Lord;  
come quickly, Lord, to help me.

14 May all who want to take my life  
be put to shame and confusion;  
may all who desire my ruin  
be turned back in disgrace.

15 May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!”  
be appalled at their own shame.

16 But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who long for your saving help always say,  
“The Lord is great!”

17 But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
may the Lord think of me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
you are my God, do not delay.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN #500 (v.1,3,5) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 7:18-22**

Jesus and John the Baptist

<sup>18</sup> John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, <sup>19</sup> he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" <sup>20</sup> When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' " <sup>21</sup> At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

### **SERMON**

**The Silence of God**

Rev. Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson

## **GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND GIFTS OF FOOD**

**\*Offertory:**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Doxology #95**

# MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #671**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Those who are able may stand!*

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## UCP PASTORAL SEARCH SURVEY

Check your email and mailbox for some important information about the pastoral search.

The Pastoral Search Committee has been working in the background with the search organization, joint preparations with our two denominations, beginning to outline the materials and documents that are needed. And very importantly, creating the processes to ask our UCP community what they desire in our next pastor. The formal part of the process begins with invitation for all UCP community members to provide your individual feedback regarding some of the traits that are most important for you in a new Pastor. We would love to hear from you and invite you - **and each member of your family** - to complete the survey by **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Briana in the UCP Office (585-586-6870).

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## SILENT AUCTION

Help us meet our goal for the Multi-Media Project! This will be a church only event. Members can participate in one of two ways: either donate items or bid on items that have been donated (or both)! Items could include themed gift baskets, something you've made (eg. Woodworking, knitting, canning), a service you could provide, a weekend at your cottage, or a treasure from your attic that needs a new home. The possibilities are endless. Each item (or picture of) should be brought to the church lounge along with a description if needed and a minimum suggested bid. **Items will be accepted between Sept 20-30<sup>th</sup>**. The items will be on display in the library and **closed bids accepted from Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Briana if you would like to peruse the items during the week. You will be notified after the 17<sup>th</sup> if you have a winning bid. Items should be picked up and paid for by cash or check by the 25<sup>th</sup>. As with all our fundraisers, 10% will be given to Missions.