



Midweek Message

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER: Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in-person or livestream on our Facebook page as Jesus our Good Shepherd calls us by name, guides us to quiet waters and restful pastures, and leads us to abundant life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN DAY APRIL 21ST



Sunday, April 21st following worship in Founders Hall

All children ages preschool through grade 5 are invited to join us directly after worship in Founders Hall. Join us for a Bible story, an art project, music, activities, and snacks. Our topic this month will be 'Seasons of the Church Year'. *We ask that an adult stay with children under eight years of age to assist us.*

ADULT FORUM

Sunday, April 21st following worship

Join us in welcoming David Sommerstein, North Country Public Radio's roving St. Lawrence Valley/Fort Drum/Tug Hill reporter (and Judy Lazenby's son-in-law), whose story on undocumented Latino labor on dairy farms was printed in the *Democrat & Chronicle*.

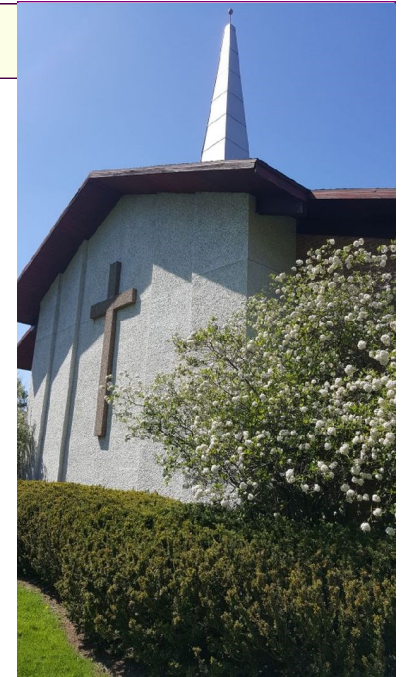
COME GROW WITH US!

Want to be a part of the garden at Atonement but don't have the time to make the trip? Would you like to help contribute to the produce that is given to the Pittsford Food Pantry but aren't sure of how? Telling yourself "I don't really know how to grow things, my thumbs aren't green?" *We've got you covered!*



Grow Bags, as may be seen in the Narthex, are cloth bags filled with soil that contain a plant or two, depending on the choice. When you sign up to participate (see the list near the bag) you'll receive a bag and the soil and a plant when it's time to plant. You can pick them up in the narthex. Simply take it home, water it and follow the instructions, you'll have green thumbs before you know it! If you have any questions please see Lin or John Macholz.

More information coming about where to drop off the produce you have grown to be donated to the Pittsford Food Pantry.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream via our Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

Livestream Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. by going to the Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns is also posted weekly on our web site at www.atonementrochester.org

April

Be present
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy; be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others.

-Mary Davis

NEW ARTWORK IN CONFERENCE ROOM:

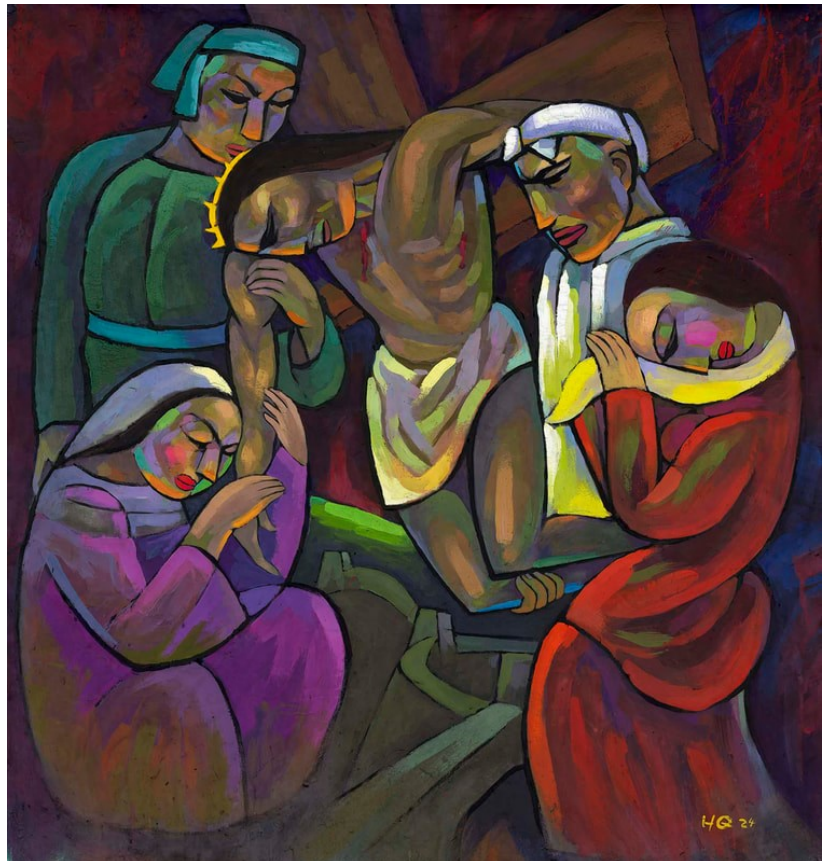
"Deposition" by James He Qi

"It's Chagall meets Matisse meets Picasso meets the East. Vibrant. Energetic. Breathtaking. Biblical. Humorous. Whole-world art. He Qi hopes to help change the "foreign image" of Christianity in China by using artistic language, and at the same time, to supplement Chinese Art the way Buddhist art did in ancient times. His brilliant, colorful and highly contemporary paintings emerge unmistakably from ongoing Chinese contexts. He Qi blends Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting with the western art of the Middle and Modern Ages, but adds his own spin, techniques and style."

Dr. James He Qi is currently a California resident, He Qi Studied at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute in China and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. Now he is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Art Institute of RUC (Renmin University of China, Beijing).

He was the first among Mainland Chinese to earn a Ph.D. in Religious art after the Revolution. He also received his Honorary Doctor Degree from Australia Catholic University in Melbourne. He is also a member of the China Art Association and a former council member of the Asian Christian Art Association. He received 20th Century Award for Achievement in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of Religious Art Theory and Christian Art Creation of IBC in Cambridge UK. His art works have been displayed in museums, galleries, universities and churches around the world.

Stop by to view this artistic addition to the Conference Room.



Then He Opened Their Minds

*As the pine cone opens
to the warm breath of spring
as the buds of the tree
open to the sun
as the thirsty earth
opens to life-giving rain
as the mouth of the babe
opens for milk
as the heart of the lover
opens to its love
so open our minds
Creator eternal
So open our minds
O Lover of all
so open our minds
O crucified Redeemer
to the presence of your grace
in the sacred word,
at the grace that is your presence,
O living Word.*

-Andrew King

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise” -Martin Luther

[Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) If you happen to know a teenager who takes their music-making seriously, I'd recommend looking into LSM. It's been going on for decades, has a very high level of instruction, and seems to be a lot of fun. Plus there's a lot of financial aid available, and they're open to any faith (or lack of same), although still within the Lutheran tradition. This video gives you an idea of what it's like, and I found it inspiring.

[Mendelssohn: Die Hebridenhr-Sinfonieorchester Andrés Orozco-Estrada](#) Felix Mendelssohn traveled quite extensively around Europe. After a trip to the Hebrides islands off the coast of Scotland, he was inspired to write this piece. He apparently wrote the moody opening theme while actually there, though it took a year to fill in the rest of the piece.

Shepherding God,

We Pray

...for those in want,
those ill, in pain, or near death,
that we may be the banquet
that you set before them,
as we feed them, anoint them,
comfort them in your name.
Amen.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who supported Atonement's Chicken Barbecue, to all of our volunteers, and to the Flower City Pride Band for providing music during this event.

A total of 133 dinners were sold, with all proceeds benefitting the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches.

Look for our next barbecue coming in September!

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Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday



SHEPHERDING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTS

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd. Since this Sunday is Shepherd's Sunday, it seems appropriate that we think about how we can be shepherds of our Earth. The Rochester area is blessed with many wooded areas and wetlands. Wetlands are areas that remain flooded for a large portion of the year, and are integral to the ecosystems that surround them. They help with flood control, filter water, and provide habitat for birds, reptiles, insects, and other animals like deer and beaver. You can find wetland walks at Tinker Park in Pittsford, Thomas Creek in Perinton, and Lucien Morin Park in Rochester. We can all learn to appreciate the beauty of the planet that we care for, and think about what we can do to help keep it clean!