

Emmanuel Friedens Church

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY



September 20, 2026 10:00 AM

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A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation

American Baptist and United Church of Christ

Welcome to Emmanuel Friedens Church

Our worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 am.
Online Worship will also be available at 10 AM live on Facebook and Zoom
(see below)

In Sanctuary and Chapel Only

Facebook Live from the Emmanuel Friedens Church Facebook page

Log in to Facebook, and go to the Emmanuel Friedens page on Sunday morning.

If you have difficulty locating it, the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Friedens-Church-122934277889274/>

If you have a Facebook account and want to be notified about Emmanuel Friedens events, log into Facebook, go the Emmanuel Friedens Church Page and click “Like”.

The service will “go live” at 9:55 am to allow time to find it on Facebook before the service begins at 10 am.

OR

Join Zoom gathering

Zoom by internet:

<https://zoom.us/j/7050534826?pwd=eWdMNmJBT0FpK1ZHeE1jS0ZyNUVZQT09>

Meeting ID: 705 053 4826 Password: 063310

***Please note: To connect to Zoom, please hold down
the “control key-CTRL” and hit the link.***

This should connect to Zoom.

Then enter the meeting ID and password

Dial by any phone (voice and sound only)

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Meeting ID: 705 053 4826 Password: 063310

A recorded video version of this service

will be available after 11 AM on Sunday mornings. At a time of your choice, go to the church’s website, <http://emmanuelfriedens.org/> and click on the link located on the Home page for the video of that day.

Welcome Back Sunday
(The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)
September 20, 2026



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship (responsive reading)

Rev. Dr. Kathryn “Katy” Stenta

God be with you

God be with you



The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The Peace of Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

The Prayers of the People (Celebrations and Concerns)



Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Special Music

Climb Every Mountain and I Will Never Leave You

Sung by the Albany Gay Men's Chorus

(from the First Nations Bible, InterVarsity Press)

1. I Lift my eyes up to the Mountains.
Where will my Help come from?
2. My help comes from Grandfather,
Maker of Father Sky and Mother Earth.
3. He will keep your foot from slipping.
The one who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold the eyes of the one who watches over the tribes of Wrestles
With the Creator (Israel) will not droop in weariness or close in sleep.
5. Grandfather keeps watch over you and
will shade you as he stands close
by your side.
6. The sun will not burn you as it
Circles the sky by day. The moon
will not trouble you as it travels
across the night sky.
7. Grandfather will keep you safe from
all harm as he watches over your
life's journey.
8. Yes, Grandfather walks by your side,
watching over your going out and
coming home as you travel
on the road of life from now and until the
sun no longer rises.

Sharing of The Good News

Questions: What Mountains have you had to climb in Your life/faith?
Or are you climbing a mountain now?
What was the most helpful in that climb? Why specifically was that helpful?



Special Music

This Is Who We Are

Sung by the Albany Gay Men's Chorus



Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:25:13-14

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(from the First Nations Bible, InterVarsity Press)

13. As you walk the good road with me, you are the salt of the earth, bringing cleansing and healing to all. Salt is a good thing, but if it loses its saltiness, how will it get its flavor back? That kind of salt has no worth and is thrown out.
14. As you walk the road with me, you are a light shining in this dark world. A village built on a hill can't be hidden.

Sharing of The Good News: Emmanuel Friedens Church: *Built on Tradition, Living in the Spirit, Celebrating the Future*

Is Emmanuel Friedens Salty? What is the flavor and Character of Emmanuel Friedens Church? Or what is the flavor of your Spirituality? How can we shine our Light to the world?

Putting it all together, how can we meaningfully be helpful to others in their journey, and put our light out there to help?



Call for the Offertory



Closing Prayer

As a Welcoming and Affirming/Open and Affirming Church, Emmanuel Friedens Church welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to gender, marital status, age, race, sexual orientation, or abilities, inviting all into membership, mission and leadership.

Fellowship time, with refreshments served in the Gathering Room, will return on September 27.

Announcements for the Week of September 20, 2026

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Church Council Retreat: Originally scheduled for September 27, will be rescheduled.

Choir resumes on October 4. They will meet for rehearsals at 9 am, every Sunday, and will sing in worship once a month.

October Newsletter, The Envoy: Calling for articles, announcements, photographs, etc for the October issue of the Envoy. Please send all to the church office by Monday, September 28. Thank you.

Fellowship Time After Worship: Time to sign-up again to volunteer to provide refreshments during our fellowship time following the worship service. Donate cookies, breads, cake, fruit, crackers and dip or whatever you choose to have with your coffee, tea or hot chocolate. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary on the table, or call the church office.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: We begin monthly birthday celebrations the 3rd Sunday of each month except for September when we will celebrate next Sunday, September 27.

So don't forget to record your birthday for the upcoming months on the calendar located at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a September b-day and didn't sign the calendar, just let me know. Maria

Staff

Pastor		Rev. Dr. Kathryn Stenta
Music Director		Dianna Parisi
Office Administrator		Maria Puccio
Custodian		Dave Snyder

Church Hours

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Katy will be available for appointments Monday-Thursday. She will have open door office hours (no appointment necessary) every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 am. Friday is her Sabbath Day. Telephone number and email: 518-380-6922., katyandtheword@gmail.com

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Katy directly (see above) or through the church office.

Church Office: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am –3:30 pm

Custodian: M-W, 3:30-8:00 pm; Th., 3:30 - 9:30 pm; F, 3:30 - 7:30 pm