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# *Emmanuel Friedens Church*

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 27, 2025 10:00 AM*

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*A Welcoming, Open and Affirming  
Congregation*

*American Baptist  
and  
United Church of Christ  
Congregation*



# 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)

## **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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### **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.

Sunday, July 27, 2025  
Order of Worship

Prelude

*"I Can Only Imagine"*

Music Director: Dianna Parisi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stent

Call to Worship (Responsorial)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God I am afraid  
**But, You are still God**

+Opening Hymn

"When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)"

The New Century Hymnal  
(Black) #438

+The Peace of Christ

Pastor: Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

The Prayers of the People (Celebrations and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

+The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand version)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

*At Emmanuel Friedens Church, we believe that the love of God is extended to all of God's creation—to all of our sisters and brothers, regardless of any human quality, challenge, or condition. We light the Welcoming, Open, and Affirming candle as an expression of our solidarity and shared mission with the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and with the Open and Affirming Churches of the United Church of Christ. The lighting of this candle represents our invitation to everyone, including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation, to participate fully in the ministry of the Body of Christ.*

Prayer of Confession **(All) God we confess that we do not want to show fear. Fear means weakness or vulnerability. It means that we admit that we are flawed, mortal and will someday die. It is admitting that we are not God, and only you are. But is it not safe to show fear to you God? Perhaps this is what the phrase “fear of God” means. It means you are my safe sanctuary. Show me that sanctuary space, especially, when we cannot find that space in other places, I pray. (Silent Confession). Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon God knows us, God loves us, God forgives us. Let us assure one another of this truth: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Psalms 22: 1-2, Mark 4:35-41

Ray Andersons

Sermon

“This Here Flesh: Fear”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call for the Offertory

“God Will Make a Way”

+Doxology

**We ask you, God, these walls to bless;  
fill with your love their emptiness;  
and make their door a gateway true  
to lead us from ourselves to you.**

+Offertory Prayer **God you say fear not, time implication being, because you are with us. Hold our hand, because we are afraid. But hold our hand, so we might walk into the word anyway, we pray. Amen.**

+Closing Hymn

“You Are Mine”  
(Dianna will lead us in singing)

David Haas  
Insert

+Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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+Please stand, if able

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.

The **Babyfold** is open during worship but there is no scheduled supervision. **Hearing assists** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Fellowship Time** with refreshments in the Gathering Room will return in the Fall.

**Visitors Invitation:** All visitors are invited to sign into the red book at the entryway of the sanctuary.

### Announcements for the Week of July 27, 2025

**Favorite Hymns:** We want to know your favorite hymns! Whether they are in the Red or Black Hymnals, or found somewhere else. Please let us know the name of your favorite hymn(s) so that we can sing them! Please take the hymn list next to the bulletin and place the completed list in the collection basket or on the office desk. Thank you. Dianna Parisi and Pastor Katy.

### **Upcoming Church Events/Meetings:**

**Monday-Friday, August 4-8:** The School of Wonder and Mystery will be held during this time at our church. The theme is *God's Living Water*. They will be exploring the theme of water through science experiments, through reading and creative writing and through the Bible. There will be field trips and guests throughout the week to enhance the program. Lunch and snacks will be provided for free. Do you know of any children who would be interested in attending? Please pass on the information.

# Emmanuel Friedens Church



## **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](mailto: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, 3:30-8:30 pm; Th., 3:30 - 9:30 pm; F.,3:30 - 7:30 pm.