



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost*

June 21, 2026 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 today (6/21) will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 am.
Online Worship will also be available on Facebook or via 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.

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Prelude

“Love the Lord”

Music by Lincoln Brewster
Sung by Emilia and Emmanuel Reyes
Music Director: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn (Katy) Stenta



Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Be assured you are all children of God

We are Stardust

You sparkle with the promise of God

We are Stardust

You are the promise of Abraham

We are Stardust, Praise be to God, the Creator of Stars!



+Opening Hymn

**“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
(Verses 1&2)**

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 433



+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 (Enfleshed by Mjk)

**Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.**

**May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.**

**May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfleshed on
earth.**

Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us. Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.

For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength.
Amen.



Children's Time
Special reading:

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Book by Dr. Seuss



+Hymn

**"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
(Verses 1-3)**

Hymns for the Living Church
Red # 331

Prayer of Confession **God, we confess that we sparkle and glitter, but sometimes it does not feel like we are wonderfully and fiercely made. Help us when we forget. Show us the stars. Remind us that we are beautiful and everything we do counts, just like every star in the sky counts. (Silent Confession) Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon You loved us into being, just as when you created the magnificent heavens, so we know the truth: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are always beloved and always forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-9, Matthew 28:19-20

Jocelyn McKinney

Graduate Blessing

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory

"Allegro"

Music by Suzuki,
arr. C. Yacobellis
Elias Reyes on cello

Offering



+Doxology

**We give you but your own,
What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone,
We give it gratefully.**



+Offertory Prayer **God, remind us that like stars, our sparkles count. Help us to glitter we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn **“Standing on the Promises”** Hymns for the Living Church
Red # 225



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** Music by William M Runyan

+ *Please stand, if you are 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: Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Room for birthday celebrations, June-August.

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

Thank you Emilia, Emmanuel, and Elias Reyes for participating in the worship service this morning.

Announcements for the Week of June 21, 2026

Request from Pastor Katy and Dianna - We are trying to determine if we want to do something creative in regards to themes, the style, etc. for our worship services for the summer. Please contribute your ideas. There are slips in the bulletin for your suggestions-just place the slips in the offering plate. Thank you.

Outdoor worship was a suggestion and so we are having 5 Sundays that worship will be outside (weather permitting) - July 5, 19, 26, August 2, and 9.



Birthday Greetings - Josephine Cristy, a long-time member of our church, will be turning 100 yrs. old on July 11. If you would like to send her a birthday card with your good wishes/thoughts, her address is 1220 Saratoga Road (Rt. 50), Ballston Spa, NY 12120.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Saturday, June 27 – **EFC Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Special Offering for June: The month of June is when we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering, a partnership shared by the American Baptist Churches (ABC) and United Church of Christ (UCC). Through the work of Church World Service and through each denomination's disaster relief efforts, funds from the offering go to respond to water projects, hunger, disaster relief, education and empowerment. The theme for this offering is "**A Love Offering to the World**" Envelopes for each denomination may be picked up in church (back of Sanctuary) or sent to you from the church office when requested. And you can also make an online donation on the church's website (emmanuelfriedens.org/Give Online/). Checks should be made payable to Emmanuel Friedens Church with a clear designation in the memo line: OGHS UCC or OGHS ABC. We hope you will consider this important offering. Thank you in advance for your gift.

For more information, and to read the stories of relief, check out the following websites: <https://www.abc-oghs.org>, <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/>

Graduate News: We would like to recognize and congratulate those members and friends of Emmanuel Friedens Church, who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc. this school year. Please send the news of your graduate; a relative, or a friend, to the church office by June 29 to be included in the summer Envoy.

The Envoy, Summer Issue – Calling for articles, announcements, photographs, etc. for the summer issue of the Envoy. Please send all to the church office by **Monday, June 29**. Thank you.



Happy Birthday Celebrations: We are celebrating June, July and August birthdays this Sunday. Happy birthday to the following: Elias Reyes, June 14; Jaimy George, June 17; Franklin Stenta, June 18; Patty Soellner, July 1; Faye Bailey, July 5; Pastor Katy, July 11, Josephine Cristy; July 19; Marilyn Bisgrove, July 20; Charlie Reyes, July 28; Rich Soellner, August 1; Bart Bisgrove, August 10; Jennifer Andersons, August 15; and Jeanne Andersons, August 28; and to those who did not record their birthdate for these months. **Come join us in the Gathering Room after the service for birthday cake.**

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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