



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

May 10, 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 (5/10) 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

“Beautiful Day”

Music by U2, Lyrics by Bono



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Philippians 1:1-6)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Teach us to pray constantly God

That we may welcome one another as children of God

Giving thanks each and every time we remember each other

We will continue the Good work of God together



+Opening Hymn

“This Is the Day”
(Verse #1 only-sing twice)

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 84



+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 (Dominican Sisters version 1993 Great Bend, KS)

Our Mother

Who is in all the Earth

Holy is your Truth

May your wisdom Come

Your circle be One

Uniting Heaven and Earth

Give Us today a nurturing spirit

Heal through us as we ourselves are healed.

Lead us into the Fullness of life,

And liberate all that is Good.

For the Wisdom and the power and the Presence

And the Goodness are Yours, Now and Forever

Amen



+Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 28

Prayer of Confession **Jesus we confess that we are not always as welcoming to the least of these as we might hope—and that our motivations for why we do this church thing are often complicated and hard. Remind us, that God is with us, working with us to bring all the good into the world into completion, praying with us even when we are without words, or solutions, or the right kind of welcome. Walk with us, so we do not feel trapped or alone, we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon- Hear the Good news, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ: not death, nor life, nor angels, nor kings or would be kings, not things present, nor things to come, there is no height, depth anything else in all creation that can separate us from the Love of God in Jesus Christ, so we can rest in the truth: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.** (Based on Romans 8:38-39)



Scripture Reading

Luke 9:46-48, Philippians 1:18

Mary Lou Chotkowski



Gift of Music
(EFC Choir)

“What the World Needs Now is Love”

Music by Burt Bacharach, Lyrics by Hal David,
arr. Roger Emerson

Sermon

“Paul’s Journey: Praying in Prison”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory

“Give Thanks”

Words and Music by Henry Smith

Offering



+Doxology

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty ev’rywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that make us free.**



+Offertory Prayer **God, help us to share the gospel as the children of God, focused on your love and grace, in your name we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

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

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 438



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“My Life Is In You, Lord”

Words & Music by Daniel Gardner

+ *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 and not available in the Chapel.

Fellowship Time: Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Room for refreshments.

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

Announcements for the Week of May 10, 2026

E-mail Issues - At this time, please be aware that the church office is having issues sending out group emails (“e-mail blasts”). Some of you receive them and some do not. There are no problems sending out e-mails to individuals or the office receiving yours.

Please pick up a copy of the May Newsletter, the Envoy, if you did not receive one via e-mail. Thank you for your patience. Maria Puccio

The 2026 CROP Walk - Thank you to EFC walkers (Ray and Jeanne Andersons, Jen Andersons, Evan Kalkbrenner, Katy Stenta with Franklin and Wesley, and Faye Bailey). A special THANK YOU to the donors! Because of you EFC raised \$1,175 to help feed people in Schenectady and in the world! Faye Bailey And thank you to Faye for coordinating this event for our church.

Message from Jocelyn McKinney (e-mailed as a group e-mail on Monday, May 4)- *In light of both Mothers' Day and Memorial Day weekend, the open UCC meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, May 3 will now be held on Sunday, May 17, and our next Fellowship Meal will be shared on Sunday, May 31.*

Brunch Update – happening 5/30 – doing hamburgers and hot dogs – if anyone can volunteer to make macaroni or potato salad it would be greatly appreciated – please contact Deb Lent 518-694-1521 / debra.lent7983@gmail.com to let her know. Thank you.

Taken from the May Envoy -... I will also be convening a meeting to discuss the brunch and how we wish to proceed with it going forward. I will make this meeting public to everyone but if you have any interest or ideas, please reach out to me 518-694-1521 or debra.lent7983@gmail.com

Deb Lent,
Federated Council Moderator

From the EFC Federated Church Council - We have decided to create a sensory room in our building but in order to **accomplish** that we need to clear out some rooms. At this time, we are looking to clear out what is currently the Library. Please feel free to help yourself to any of the books in there. We will also be looking into where we can donate whatever is left over. The Council would love to hear from **you in regards to any ideas you have** or would like to contribute. Please feel free to contact me at 518-694-1521 or please feel free to come to a Council Meeting, ☺ we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Deb Lent, Moderator

Guest Minister - Rev. Barbara VanOlpen, UCC Associate Conference Minister for Clergy and Congregations, will visit and preach on Sunday, May 17.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Tuesday, May 12: EFC Federated Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Boardroom.



Call To Meeting

Upcoming UCC Meeting – Rescheduled to next Sunday, May 17 following worship in the Board Room

The President and Secretary of Friedens United Church of Christ (UCC) call a meeting of all members, to be held in the Board Room after worship on May 17. **Reason:** Due to dwindling numbers of UCC members and members willing to serve on the Consistory, we propose a discussion on our estate plan and the potential of becoming a united church with Emmanuel ABC. Your participation is important, even if you have been absent for a time. We welcome you all and want to hear from you. If you cannot come to the meeting, please reach out to Jocelyn or Angela to weigh in. Emmanuel ABC members and non-members are welcome to attend. This is just an initial discussion; no decisions will be made at the meeting without full participation of both congregations. Angela Keller & Jocelyn McKinney

SAVE THE DATE

**Church Trivia Night, Tuesday, May 19
starting at 6 pm**

Spread the word, and gather your family /friends
Test your knowledge on questions of the Bible,
religion, pop culture, and more.

- **Choir meets** at 9 am for rehearsal in the choir room on Sundays, and anyone who wants to join us is welcome to sing or hum along to make a Joyful Noise to God.

Monthly Birthday Celebration: Don't forget to record your birthdate for the upcoming months on the calendar located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Our next birthday celebration for May will be **next Sunday, May 17** following worship.

Volunteers are needed to present the church's **Dignity for All Scholarship Award** to senior high school recipients at their awards ceremonies. You do not have to stay for the entire ceremony as the community presenters are usually placed at the beginning of the program. Please give the office a call if you would like to volunteer. I will need to know by May 25. Thank you.

Niskayuna High School
Schalmont High School
Scotia-Glenville High School
Schenectady High School
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
Mohonasen High School

Thursday, June 4 @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, June 4 @ 6 pm
Friday, June 5 @ 8 am
Wednesday, June 3, @ 6 pm
no recipient this yr
still waiting to hear

Community News:

1. Albany Gay Men's Chorus

Our church will host a spring concert by the Albany Gay Men's Chorus—**Stand Up and Sing Out** on Sunday, June 7 at 3 pm. Tickets are on sale: <https://tickets.chorusconnection.com/agmc/events/1772>

2. Schenectady Pride Annual Festival, Saturday, June 6 (Rain or Shine)

To be held on Saturday, June 6 from 2 –5 pm at Gateway Plaza (12 State Street) where the Rainbow Pride Arches are next to SUNY Schenectady. Live entertainment, food, and vendors return along with local non-profits and other friends. Emmanuel Friedens will have a table located under the Interfaith Tent along with other area churches.

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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