

Emmanuel Friedens Church

*(The Twenty-first Sunday after
Pentecost)*

October 18, 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 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.***

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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.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship, October 18, 2026



Prelude

“Song of Ruth (Wherever You Go)”

Composed by Gregory Norbet
arr. by Mary David Callahan
Music Director: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn “Katy” Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 112 trans by Dr. Wil Gafney)-Responsive reading)

Happy are those who honor the Faithful One

We rise as a light, as a gracious and loving mother

It is well with those who are gracious and lend

We conduct our concerns with justice

Our hearts are made steady, we will not fear, we will disperse our resources to the poor

Give our hearts firm, trusting in the Worthy One



Opening Hymn

“God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow”

New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 475



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

The Lord’s Prayer (traditional version)

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.



+Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) # 48

Prayer of Confession (in unison): God, we long to have the blessings of worthy and warrior hearts—able to nestle in your wings for refuge. We confess, that we sometimes fear those who are different from us, or the stranger, or those in power. We confess that lending things out sounds scary, and sharing resources is often difficult and messy. Help us to be like Ruth, Boaz and Naomi, willing to risk and build community we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.



Assurance of Pardon: God promises to always be our point of refuge, our shelter in every storm, thus we can declare the truth in confidence: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Readings

Psalm 112, Ruth 2:1-16

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon

“Ruth: the Brave”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Offering



Call for the Offertory

“Nearer, My God, to You”

New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 606



+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, we know that all we have is already yours, therefore help us to give to one another in joy, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.



+Closing Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) # 225



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“Brave w/ How Great Thou Art”

arr. by Dianna Parisi
Words & music (for Brave) by
Sara Bareilles and Jack Antonoff

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.

Hearing assists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Fellowship time: Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Room for refreshments as we celebrate October birthdays.

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

Announcements for the Week of October 18, 2026

Join the Prayer Group: In this season of busyness and need, we are starting an online prayer group (via Zoom).

When: Mondays at 6 pm, starting this Monday, October 19

Join The Zoom Meeting via internet
Katy Stenta is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82365732331?pwd=GxrQ4pUGM4K6M0XMobclHYx7oNbxd7.1>

Meeting ID: 823 6573 2331
Passcode: 541422

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Dial by phone (voice and sound only)
follow the prompted instructions

for participants

enter: 16465588656

enter the meeting ID: 82365732331 followed by #

enter: #

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Choir: Choir meets at 9 am for rehearsal in the choir room on Sundays, and anyone who wants to join them are welcome to sing or hum along to make a joyful noise to God. The choir will sing in worship once a month. The choir will sing in worship once a month.



Call to Meeting

Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, October 25
11:15 am (following worship)

Please plan to attend. Thank you.

Saturday, October 31: The **Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30 -11:30 am. The church's **Halloween party** will also be held during this time.



Joyful Noise – Rehearsals for our new children and youth choir, Joyful Noise, will begin on Sunday, November 1. Time is from 11:30 am-12:30 pm - the first Sunday of each month. All school age children are welcome to join us! If your child doesn't like to sing, but loves music, they are encouraged to join us as well. Besides singing, there will be hand-clapping, foot stomping, and instrument playing. Dianna cannot wait to get started! Please join us!

Dishwasher Assistance: For those individuals, who remember how to run the dishwasher, please contact Deb Lent –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.



Monthly Birthday Celebrations: We are celebrating October birthdays today in the Gathering Room following worship. Happy birthday to Carl Taeubner (10/3), Cassidy Lent and Selena Phatandain Loftis (10/4), Chuck Lent (10/6), Sheila Freres (10/7), Jada White (10/23), and to any other church members/friends whose birthdays are in October.

November Newsletter, The Envoy: Please send articles, photographs, etc to be included in the November Envoy, to the office by October 28. Thank you.

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

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Katy directly 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