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# *Emmanuel Friedens Church*

*Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*September 14, 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, September 14, 2025  
Order of Worship

Prelude

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision”** Paul Baloche  
arr. Mark Hayes  
Music Director: Dianna Parisi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

How long, God?  
**I'm tired of hoping**

+Opening Hymn

**“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”**

The New Century Hymnal  
(Black) #476

+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 (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

Prayer of Confession **(All) God I am angry. I confess that I cannot even comprehend all the injustice at the world, and yet it makes me want to throw things and scream and shake my fist. It makes me wonder. Why do we not go around and curse fig trees. Why does the church not celebrate flipping tables Sunday? I am so angry, sometimes that it wearies me, What should I do with this anger God? Help me to know please. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Christ is for us, Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, Know the truth of God's love: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 58:6-8a, Mark 11:12-17

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon

"This Here Flesh: Rage"

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call for the Offertory

**"Draw Me Close"**

Kelly Carpenter  
arr. Mark Hayes

+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 **Jesus Christ, we rage and we hope, we hope and we rage. Let us not lose our emotions, but keep our energy and somehow still keep our eye on you we pray. Amen.**

+Closing Hymn

**"Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide"**

Hymns for the Living Church  
Red #421

+Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

**"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen-All Day, All Night"**

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Mark Hayes

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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 on **September 28**.

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

## Announcements for the Week of September 14, 2025

### **Upcoming Church Events/Meetings for the Month of September:**

#### **Don't forget!**

**September 21 @ 10 am  
Welcome Back Sunday  
Worship - Picnic to follow (rain or shine)  
Lions Pavilion in Collins Park, Scotia**

There is a sign-up sheet for needed items on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. The Church will be providing hamburgers/hot dogs, rolls and beverages. We are asking the congregation to supply the 'sides'. Please let the office know by **Wednesday, 9/17/25**. BBQ chefs will be needed.

**We ask that you include an ingredient card with your food item for people who may have special dietary needs.**

#### Directions to the Lion's Pavilion (from Schenectady):

- Turn right at the end of the Gateway Bridge into Scotia (Jumpin' Jacks will be on the corner) onto Schonowee Ave.
- travel down a little way and turn left onto Kiwanis Way
- destination will be on the right (a little ways down the road)

Monday, September 15: **EFC Federated Council Meeting** will be held at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Thursday, September 18: **Oh! Holy Hops** will gather at 5:30 pm at the home of Mary Lou Chotkowski.

Saturday, September 27: **EFC Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30-11:30 am, and the clothing/toiletries rooms will be open too.

**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.

### **Community News (flyers for each event is posted on the church bulletin board)**

- New Breath Spirituality Center: "Don't Skip Recess: Play and Spirituality" - How are play and spirituality connected, and how can we incorporate more spiritual play into our lives? This course is offered online via Zoom, September 29 from 7 -8 pm. For more information and to register, go to [www.NewBreath.org](http://www.NewBreath.org).

- Contemporary Worship Singing +Liturgical Dance Workshop, offered on October 5 at 4 pm at First Reformed Church in Scotia. This event is free. For information or to register, check out [firstreformedscotia.org](http://firstreformedscotia.org). A flyer is posted on the office bulletin board.
- Blood Drive: Saturday, October 4, 9 am-1 pm at First Reformed Church, 8 N Church Street in Schenectady.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for 1 or 2 more volunteers to read scripture during the worship service. There is a monthly schedule and you will end up reading about once a month depending upon the number of readers. Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.

**Favorite Hymns:** Don't forget to record your favorite hymns. Place the completed list in the collection basket or on the office desk. Thank you. Dianna Parisi and Pastor Katy.

## **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.