
Emmanuel Friedens Church

*Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

September 7, 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 7, 2025
Order of Worship

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart K. Hine
Music Director: Dianna Parisi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

How we hunger for Liberation

May we taste the goodness of the Holy Spirit

+Opening Hymn

“Faith of the Martyrs”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 381

+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 Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Prayer of Confession **(All) God we confess that too often we confuse freedom with liberation. We think that doing whatever we want is that same thing as being unchained from poverty, hopelessness and oppression. Give us the eyes to see the vision you have for us we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Hear the Good news, Jesus Christ sends us the Holy Spirit to be life giving and liberating and so we know the truth **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Luke 4:18, Romans 8:2

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Sermon

“This Here Flesh: Liberation”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift our hearts to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise (prayer continues...) as your son taught us to pray.

+Lord’s Prayer (Celtic version of the Lord’s Prayer by John Philip Newell)

Holy One
Beyond All Names
Eternal Wellspring
May Love rise again in us today
with food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life
Forgive us for our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of ours souls may shine
And the strength our spirits may endure
for the Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever
Amen

Call for the Offertory

“Thy Word”

Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

+Doxology

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) #793

+Offertory Prayer **Holy Spirit, come nourish us with the good News of liberation we pray. Amen.**

+Closing Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) #330

+Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Chris Tomlin &
Louie Giglio

+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 7, 2025

Upcoming Church Events/Meetings for the Month of September:

**September 21 @ 10 am
Welcome Back Sunday
Worship - Picnic to follow
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.

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: You must have favorite hymns! Whether they are in the Red or Black Hymnals, or found somewhere else. We are gathering everyone's *favorite hymns*, so do drop Dianna an e-mail or fill out a form on Sunday so we can add it to our collection. 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

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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, 3:30-8:30 pm; Th., 3:30 - 9:30 pm; F., 3:30 - 7:30 pm.