



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The Second Sunday
of Easter*

April 12, 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

Due to heating issues in the Sanctuary, our worship service will be held in the Chapel. The service will be held 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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Resignation

arr. Mark Hayes

Guest Musician: Gareth Griffiths



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God is just in all their ways, and kind in all of their doings

God is near all who call on the Divine; near to all who call on God in truth.

God watches over all who love God—for we know you open your hand upholding those who are falling, and raising up those who are bowed down.

My most will speak praise to Jesus, the risen Christ, let us bless his holy name forever.



+Opening Hymn

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Hymns for the Living Church

Red Hymnal #60



+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 (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



+Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymns for the Living Church
Red Hymnal #55

Prayer of Confession **Holy Spirit, we confess that we worry about our doubts. We are anxious that our doubts define who we are, like Thomas. We forget that it is brave to ask questions, that it part of faith is to doubt. We often let a moment of shame replay in our head. Remind us that you are a God of grace, not shame. Teach us that you came to love and heal we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon **Hear the good news, Jesus came, with scars, to show us that healing is possible, so we know that good news!: (All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:13-21, John 20:19-31

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Sermon

“Brave Thomas”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory

“The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Howard Goodall

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 **May we go into the world, remembering to be brave about our wounds and scars, carrying our community of faith with us we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“Thine Is the Risen, Conquering Son”

Hymns for the Living Church
Red Hymnal #171



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!

Joyful Song
arr. Mark Hayes

+ *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 Fellowship Hall for our monthly meal.

Visitors Invitation: All visitors are invited to sign the red book at the entryway of the Chapel, and join us for our fellowship meal.

Guest Musician: We welcome back Gareth (Gary) Griffiths as she subs for Dianna this Sunday.

Announcements for the Week of April 12, 2026

**Please join us after worship for our monthly meal
in Fellowship Hall. All are invited.**

Upcoming Meetings/Events:



Call To Meeting

Spring Business Meeting

Sunday, April 26 following worship
in the Boardroom

Please plan to attend, in-person or
through Zoom connection

Call To Meeting

Upcoming UCC Meeting

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 3. 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

- As scheduled, every Sunday morning at 9 am: EFC choir practice
- Sunday, April 12: A meeting to discuss job descriptions.
- Tuesday, April 14: EFC **Federated Council** will meet in the Boardroom at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday, April 16: **Oh! Holy Hops** will meet at 5:30 pm at the home of Debbie Gehman. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage.
- Saturday, April 25: **EFC Monthly Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 am. The clothing rooms will be opened during this time too.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: Don't forget to record your birthdate on the calendar located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Community News

Phil Grigsby Memorial CROP Hunger Walk: This year's **CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, May 3, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church which is located on Union Street in Niskayuna.** Registration begins at 1 pm, opening ceremony at 2 pm followed by the walk. You can choose to walk the "Golden Mile" or choose the 3-mile route. Walkers can pick-up their t-shirts when they check-in. It is a fun activity with lots of participation from people in Schenectady. Faye Bailey is again coordinating the church efforts. Thank you Faye.

To donate and/or join the team as a walker, go to the Emmanuel Friedens Team Page <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/emmanuel-friedens-church>

1. Select the blue "Join The Team" button
2. Registration can be done either through your Facebook or email for new walkers, for returning walkers select "I already have an account."
3. Once the account is set up, you are now ready to invite friends to join!

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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 (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