



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The Third Sunday
of Easter*

April 19, 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 (4/19) 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

“Take My Life and Let It Be with "I Surrender All"”

Music by Henry A. Cesar Malan & Winfield S Weeden,
arr. Tom Fettke

Music Minister: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



God, we wish to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Here I am Lord

Give us the eyes to see and the ears to here you God

May we be a servant of love today



+Opening Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 547



+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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” The New Century Hymnal
Black # 42

Prayer of Confession: **Jesus, we confess that hate is so much easier than love. We confess that sometimes the command to get up, go and heal our enemy like Ananias might be hard for us. Maybe baptizing them would make it easier, or harder—we confess it is hard to imagine. Help us God, grace is not to be understood but embraced. Help us to feel your grace we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news, Jesus Christ transforms us through Grace, so let us share the good news: **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:24, Acts 9:1-19

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon

“Paul’s Journey: Conversion”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call for the Offertory

“Come into His Presence” Words and Music by Lynn Baird



Offering:

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 **Divine One, Share your grace with us in such a way that we cannot help but see it, hear it, and spill it into the world we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“O God of Love, O God of Peace” The New Century Hymnal
Black # 57

+Blessing and Dismissal





Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Words by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring,
Music by George Job Elvey

+ *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 the April birthday celebration.

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

Announcements for the Week of April 19, 2026

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

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.
- 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 Celebration: We will celebrate April birthdays this Sunday (4/19). Happy birthday to Cheryl Beauchamp (4/18), Jocelyn McKinney and her twin sister Jacquelyn (4/21), Ashley Kennedy (4/22), Debbie Gehman (4/23), Rev. Wendy Fambro (4/25), Linda Houston (4/30), and to any other church members/friends whose birthdays are in April. A happy and healthy year to all of you.

And for others, don't forget to record your birthdate for the upcoming months on the calendar located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Community News

Climate Change, Environmental Justice, Democracy & Faith Program:

Saturday April 25 2:30-4 pm, Presbyterian-United Church of Christ, 24 Circular Street in Saratoga, Springs-free and open to the public. For more details, refer to the flyer located on the bulletin boards.

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