



Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER

Emmanuel Friedens Church

April 5, 2026 10:00 AM

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A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation

A Federated Church: American Baptist and United Church of Christ

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.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN



Prelude

“In the Garden”

Music by Austin Miles
arr. Mark Hayes
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:21-29)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God has answered us, and become our salvation
This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes
This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed!



+Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) #553



+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 Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



+Hymn

“I Serve a Risen Savior (He Lives)”

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) #158



Prayer of Confession **Jesus we confess that we wish that prayers were like magic wands, able to magically fix things. Instead of tools to tend the garden. Forgive us. Remind us that God is tending the garden with us, in sunny days and rainy ones, and help us to witness the resurrection moments together we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news, Christ is risen, and with him all is grace. Know the good news. **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading Psalm 118: 21-29, John 20:1-18 Raymond Andersons

Sermon **“Jesus, the Gardener”** Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Celebration of Communion



Communion Music: **“At the Cross”** Music by Ralph E Hudson
arr. Don Wyrzten

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.

The Lord’s Prayer (New Zealand Version)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.





Call for the Offertory

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) #252

Offering



Doxology

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

The New Century Hymnal
Black Hymnal #793



+Offertory Prayer **God, send us into the world to pray, to tend and to proclaim your resurrection. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

The New Century Hymnal
Black Hymnal #233



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“It’s a Happy Day (Jesus is Alive)”

Song by Little Praise Party and Yancy,
arrangement used by Kids Ablaze
(Performed by the children of EFC)

+ *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.

Fellowship Time, Easter Reception: We invite you to join us for our Easter reception in the Board Room following worship.

Visitors Invitation: All visitors are invited to sign the red book at the entryway of the sanctuary, and join us for Fellowship time.

Church Directory: The directory is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a directory e-mailed or mailed to you, just notify the office. Thank you.

Announcements for the Week of April 5, 2026



The flowing plants that grace our sanctuary this Easter morning are offered in thankfulness for Christ's resurrection for the lives and gifts of the loved ones we name.

***Purchased By**

In Memory/Honor Of

In Celebration Of

Marilyn and Bart Bisgrove

Dave and Althea Nelson
Jim and Norma Hudson
Vern and June Scoville

Sandy George

John Detwyler

Deb and Chuck Lent

Our parents

Our children & grandkids

Artie Loftis
and Selena Phatandain

Marian Loftis

Nancy Spencer

Richard & June Schermerhorn

*Please remember to take your plant(s) after the worship service. Thank you

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

As scheduled, every Sunday morning at 9 am: EFC choir practice

Sunday, April 12: Our monthly **Fellowship Meal** will be held after worship.

Sunday, April 12: A meeting to discuss job descriptions.

Tuesday, April 14: EFC **Federated Council** will meet in the Boardroom at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to:

- Faye Bailey and Evelyn Kauffman for changing out the banners in the sanctuary.
- Jocelyn McKinney for coordinating the Easter reception
- all who donated food items for the reception and for those individuals who helped to set-up and clean-up before/after the reception.

Pastor Katy's Schedule: Pastor Katy will be on vacation from April 6-8. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call the office.

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, and the walk begins right after. More information regarding registration to walk or to donate will be available next week. Faye Bailey is again coordinating the church efforts. Thank you Faye.

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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 (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