

Emmanuel Friedens Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026

*A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation
American Baptist and United Church of Christ Congregation*

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta, Pastor



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

“Cry of My Heart”

Words and Music by Terry Butler
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 24)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Who is the King of Glory?

God is mighty, Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, that the King of Glory may come in!

God is the is the King of Glory, all Power is God's, Selah!



+Opening Hymn

**“Come to the Garden Alone”
(In the Garden)**

The New Century Hymnal
Black Hymnal #237



+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

“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” The New Century Hymnal
Black Hymnal #17



The Candle of Welcome, Openness and Affirmation

Jocelyn McKinney

At Emmanuel Friedens Church, we believe that the love of God is extended to all of God’s creation—to all of our sisters and brothers, regardless of any human quality, challenge, or condition. We light the Welcoming, Open, and Affirming candle as an expression of our solidarity and shared mission with the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and with the Open and Affirming Churches of the United Church of Christ. The lighting of this candle represents our invitation to everyone, including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation, to participate fully in the ministry of the Body of Christ.



Prayer of Confession **Jesus, we confess that power and glory are such nebulous terms. What weight do they carry? How can we give them to you with weight and meaning? Forgive us when we miss the mark. Help us to give them to you we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon God, you are glorious, your power is beyond comprehension, because you give grace to all who ask, so we know the truth **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Psalm 24, John 19:1-16a

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon **“Lent: Thine is the Kin(g)dom and the Power and the Glory Forever”**
Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Words and Music by Keith Green

Offering



Doxology

**We ask you, God, these walls to bless;
fill with your love their emptiness;
and make their door a gateway true
to lead us from ourselves to you.**



+ Offertory Prayer **Spirit, give us the power to spread your glory throughout the world we pray. Amen**



+Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
(Verses 1-4)

Hymns for the Living Church
Red Hymnal #14



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Words and Music by Paul Baloche

+ *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: Following the worship service, please join us in the Board Room for refreshments, and enjoy the after-worship program, *Journeying with Jesus through Lent*.

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

Church Directory: Church directories will be available next week. They will be available at the church for pick-up. If you would like a directory e-mailed or mailed to you, just notify the office. Thank you.

Announcements for the Week of March 22, 2026

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 29: Palm Sunday

We remember Jesus' joyful procession into Jerusalem.
Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week

April 2: Maundy Thursday

A remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with his friends.
A combined service with members of the
First United Methodist Church will be held at
7 pm at Emmanuel Friedens.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:



- Youth/Teen Get-together: On Palm Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday), the youth/teens are invited to gather in the Parlor for a casual time to share childhood memories and/or hopes and concerns for the future. All youth are invited and encouraged to bring friends if they wish. There will be food!
- As scheduled, every Sunday morning at 9 am: EFC choir practice
- Sundays During Lent: **Journeying With Jesus Through Lent**

Members and friends, after worship, you are invited to the Board Room for coffee and snacks, followed by experiences of *Journeying with Jesus Through Lent*. **This will be the last class. Please join us!** Theme for this Sunday, "Power in Prayer"

- Saturday, March 28: EFC's Community Brunch will be held from 10:30 – 11:30 am, and the clothing and toiletries rooms will be opened too

Spring Plants:

It is not too late to order spring plants (lilies or mums) for the Easter season. Please use the order form located on the table outside of the Chapel, or call the church office to place your order. Deadline: Wednesday, March 25. If you are paying via the church's website, you must complete the order form and send it to the office so that Maria is aware of your order. Thank you.

Easter Reception: We are planning an Easter reception following the worship service and are asking for food items. Let us know how you can help. Please complete the Easter reception slip (located on the table outside of Chapel) and place the completed form in the collection basket or return the form to the office. You can also call the office with the information. Thank you.

Thank you to those individuals who have volunteered to help set-up the Boardroom on Saturday, April 4 at 12 pm. We still need a few more volunteers to help set- up food and beverages on Easter Sunday morning and to help clean-up. If you can volunteer some time to help, please mark it on the reception form or contact Jocelyn McKinney.

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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 on the table outside the Chapel or call the church office. Thank you.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: Don't forget to record your birthdate on the calendar located on the desk across from the Chapel.

***** We need volunteers to bring in birthday cakes for the months of April, May and June. Contact Jeanne Andersons to let her know.**

April Envoy: Please send articles, photographs, etc., to be included in the April Envoy, to the church office by Monday, March 30. Thank you.

America for Christ/Neighbors in Need Special Offerings: Special offerings throughout March to support our wider church families' important ministries of love and justice throughout the US and Puerto Rico.

Envelopes are available on the table outside of the Chapel. Online donations: church's website (http://emmanuelfriedens.org/Give_Online/). Or through the ABC and UCC websites (see below) Thank you.

abhms.org/volunteer-opportunities/give/where/america-for-christ-offering-2026/ (ABC) and www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering (UCC)

Community News:

Singing Resistance (hosted by Schenectady Clergy Against Hate)

Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2850 Guilderland Avenue in Rotterdam, New York

Join faith leaders from across Schenectady County as we build a community through story and song that promotes neighborliness, the rule of law, immigrant rights, protects democracy and affirms the dignity and worth of every single person. We will sing secular songs and songs of resistance from various faith traditions, interspersed with stories from our neighbors affected by rising authoritarianism and information on how you can get involved to support them. Feel free to bring drums, tambourines, and other musical instruments! All people of faith and goodwill are invited to attend!

St. Joseph's Church (600 State Street across from Veterans Park) 18th Annual Palm Sunday weekend bake sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 28 (4:30-6:30 pm) and Sunday, March 29 (8:45-10:30 am). Check out the flyer on the office bulletin board.

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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