



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The Third Sunday
of Easter
(Communion Sunday)*

May 4, 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, May 4, 2025
Order of Worship

Prelude

"Jesus Lives, and So Shall I "

Jesus, Meine Zuversicht

arr. Larry Shackley

Interim Director of Music - Gareth Griffiths

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship (Responsorial, based on Psalm 132)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Come let us go to the sanctuary of the Lord

Come let us worship at God's feet, for it is good

Let your priests be clothed with justice and lovingkindness

Let your faithful shout for joy

For God, you will feed all who hunger, till they are satisfied, and clothe your priests with liberation

Come, let us rest in God who give us grace

+Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
(Verses 1, 2)

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) #43

+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

+Hymn

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) #547

Prayer of Confession: **(All) God we confess that we are searching for wisdom and grace, and too often that we forget that it exists through important acts of truth telling, shared meals, and helping one another. Help us to take the time to build communities of trust we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Hear the good news, God knows us, loves us and calls us and by our chosen name. Thus we know the good news. **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 132:7, 14-16, Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

Raymond Andersons

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.

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors-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 Power and the Glory Forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offertory

"One Bread, One Body"

John Ford
arr. John Carter

+Doxology

"*Santo, Santo Santo*"

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) #793

+Offertory Prayer **God, may we use these and all our gifts for rest, healing and wholeness as we go into the world we pray. Amen.**

+Closing Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) #198

+Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"*Lift High the Cross*"

Crucifer
arr. John Carter

+ 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: There will be no refreshments this Sunday. Please take this time to make a donation to the CROP Walk which will be held today. The donation basket is at the back of the church.

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

Announcements for the Week of May 4, 2025

Meeting/Events

Sunday, May 4, **Phil Grigsby Memorial CROP Hunger Walk**- To be held at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on Union Street in Niskayuna. Registration begins at 12 noon and the walk at 1:30 pm. Unite with your neighbors to fight against hunger worldwide and in Schenectady.

If you are not able to join the walk, please consider making a donation. The basket is at the back of the church.

Thursday, May 15: **Oh! Holy Hops** will meet at 5:30 pm-Mary Lou Chotkowski' s home.

Sunday, May 18: **EFC Council Member Retreat** will be held following worship in the Board Room. Lunch will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to present the church's **Dignity for All Scholarship Award** to senior high school recipients at their in-person awards ceremonies. You do not have to stay for the entire ceremony as the community presenters are usually placed at the beginning of the program. Please give the office a call if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	Wednesday, June 11 @ 7 pm
*Mohonasen High School	Wednesday, June 11 @ 6 pm
Niskayuna High School	Thursday, June 5 @ 6:30 pm
Schalmont High School	Thursday, June 5 @ 6 pm
*Schenectady High School	Wednesday, June 4 @ 6 pm
Scotia-Glenville High School	Friday, June 6 @ 8 am

* As of May 2, the high school has not chosen a recipient.

Schenectady Pride-14th Annual Festival

To be held on Saturday, June 1 from 2 –7 pm at Gateway Plaza (12 State Street) where the Rainbow Pride Arches are next to SUNY Schenectady. Live entertainment, food, drink and vendors return along with local non-profits and other friends. This year Emmanuel Friedens has decided to participate in and sponsor a scholarship level (\$500-bronze) for this event. We will also have a table –so come down and enjoy the festivities. We are not participating in the Capital Pride event in Albany.

Fellowship Time After Worship: We still need volunteers to bring in refreshments for the months of May and June. A sign-up sheet is placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Emmanuel Friedens Church



Staff

Pastor		Rev. Dr. Kathryn Stenta
Interim Music Director		Gareth Griffiths
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, 3:30-8:30 pm; Th., 3:30 - 9:30 pm; F.,3:30 - 7:30 pm.