

First United Methodist Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.



#### **Mission Statement**

“First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Oneonta, NY is a congregation of faith and doubt. We commit ourselves to pursue justice, and pledge to stand with all our neighbors who are marginalized and oppressed, as Jesus did.” – Adopted by the Church Council on September 1, 2021



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* *Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*  
**Bold** text *invites the congregation to speak in unison.*

*(As the prelude begins, please prepare your hearts for worship)*

### God Reaches Toward Us

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
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Welcome

Call to Worship

The God who called light out of darkness calls us now into holy presence.

**We come, drawn by grace and longing for transformation.**

On the mountain and in the valley, God reveals a glory that does not fade.

**As we behold Christ, we are changed.**

This is not a moment to hold onto, but a grace that shapes who we are becoming.

**We come to worship, open to God’s sanctifying love.**

\*Hymn #363

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”  
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Passing the Peace

### We Reach Toward God

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Laura Hurley

Flora Beth Cunningham

\*Hymn #2146

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
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\*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Transformed by Glory”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem

“Grow in Grace”

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### Responding with Transformed Hearts

Moment of Prayer

Our Lord’s Prayer

**Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

February Jingle – The Hunger Coalition

*Special Offering – Camp & Retreat Ministries*

Offertory

“Aria”

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\*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #2032

“My Life Is in You, Lord”

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Announcements

Benediction

Mission Statement

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Postlude

“Poco Vivace”

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*The placement of the votive candle on the altar started the year of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014 of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. Each month we honored a different person(s) who answered the call to stand for full inclusion of all God’s children.*



### PRAYER LIST

Recovering or in long term care (ask the church office for contact info):

Bhala Jones      Harry & Virginia Pence      Louise Van Buren

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will be published for 4 weeks. If you would like to extend a request, please fill out one of the prayer cards located in the pew rack. **Please mark if you want your request to be public.**

June S.      Mary & Holly      Ryan M.      Robert S.

Our unhoused neighbors and those trying to help them

People under attack/in danger in our country

People in other countries who are in danger

People experiencing anxiety about health & other issues

VITA program volunteers & those receiving help from them

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Timothy Gracy on February 8; Rebecca Bresee & Rachel Hansen on February 9; Jo Bordinger on February 11; Lisa Smith on February 12; Margaret Hamwey & Amy Judd on February 13; and Jeffrey Gardner on February 14.*

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday services are accessible online. The 8:15 service is on Facebook. The 10:30 service is on YouTube or Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/195736049> or call 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID: 195 736 049).

TODAY	8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook 9:25 am Sunday School, Digging Deeper (adult class) & Parent's Cafe 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
MON. 2/9	10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room) 5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room) 6:30 pm GRACE Group (Embury Room)
TUES. 2/10	11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room) 2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room) 6:30 pm SPRC (Coke Room)
WED. 2/11	9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers 11:00 am UWF (location TBD) 12:00 pm Spiritual Study Group (Dauley Room) 1:00 pm Trustees (Art Room) 6:00 pm Beginner Bell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
THUR. 2/12	10:00 am – 6:00 pm Fruit Sale Pickup (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room) 12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room) 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room) 7:00 pm Finance Team (Art Room)
FRI. 2/13	10:00 am – 4:00 pm Fruit Sale Pickup (Fellowship Hall)
SAT. 2/14	11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)
SUN. 2/15	<b>Reporter Deadline</b> 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook 9:25 am Sunday School, Digging Deeper (adult class) & Parent's Cafe 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Camp & Retreat Ministries Special Offering

The United Methodists of Upper New York operate five camps across the state (<https://www.unyumc.org/about/crm>). Camping ministry provides people of all ages an opportunity to connect with nature and God. Our camps are a jewel of our Conference, but they need your help.

Today we are taking a special collection for Camp and Retreat Ministries. These camps help shape the next generation of leaders in our local church and across the United Methodist connection. Your gifts help support the vital work of our camping ministry.

### February Jingle – The Hunger Coalition

Each month, the “jingle” of loose change in the offering plate goes to a different organization that serves the local community. This month’s Jingle will go to The Hunger Coalition of Otsego County (HCOC).

The Coalition is a non-profit collaborative alliance of organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting services in our communities to assure that everyone can receive food assistance. The Coalition primarily

supports local food pantries, meals sites, and food distribution; offers networking and educational programs; and models cooperative efforts within Otsego County, New York.

The Coalition recognizes that by pooling resources, expertise, and networks, HCOC can amplify our impact beyond what individual organizations might achieve alone.

### **Reporter Deadline – February 15**

Submissions for the March issue of the Reporter are due on February 15. Please send content to Amy at [communications@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:communications@firstumc-oneonta.org).

### **Third Thursday Dinner – February 19**

Our next Third Thursday Dinner will be on February 19 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We're planning a Creamy Cheesy Ditalini dish, prepared by Danielle DeLuca. It is vegetarian but does use dairy. Please come and enjoy togetherness (the meal is free, but we welcome donations to help cover the cost).

We already have a salad, but if anyone would like to coordinate a second dish or other sides, please contact Max MacKenzie at 740-833-5169.

### **2025 Giving Statements**

Giving statements for last year were mailed this week, and you should receive them within a week or so.

A few statements may need to be revised – those who had checks sent to FUMC directly from their retirement or investment plans will be receiving an email or letter from Kieran.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about their statement, please contact Kieran at [secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org) (or call the church office and leave a message for him).

### **Be Green, Be Just**

Unplug devices and decorations when not in use. Many items draw power even when turned off, and winter often means more lights and electronics plugged in.