

First United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
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Welcome

Call to Worship

God of radiant glory, you revealed your beloved Son on the mountain.
In Christ, we glimpse your light and your love.
You say to us, as you did to the disciples: “Listen to him.”
We open our hearts to hear, to follow, and to be changed.
Your glory does not keep us on the mountain, but sends us into the world.
We come to worship, ready to be perfected in love and sent in peace.

*Hymn #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
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Passing the Peace

We Reach Toward God

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Peg Sorensen
Dottie Lawson

*Hymn #2152

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(sing 2x)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Perfected in Love”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
arr. Carol F. Mueller © 1937, 1944 G. Schirmer, Inc.

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

Offertory

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*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #2212

“My Life Flows On”
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Announcements

Benediction

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Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
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The placement of the votive candle on the altar started the year of our 25th 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

Our sympathy to Louis following the death of his aunt & uncle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Ava Brashear, Hunter Roy, Penelope Wilson & Wyndam Withington on February 15.

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

Reporter Deadline

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
11:30 am Fellowship Time

MON. 2/16

10:00 am Book Group (Embry Room)
5:00 pm Yoga (Embry Room)
6:30 pm GRACE Group (Embry Room)
6:30 pm Saturday's Bread Board (Art Room)

TUES. 2/17

8:30 am Boomerangs (Kitchen)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)
2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room)

WED. 2/18

Ash Wednesday

Ashes avail. 9 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (Sanctuary)
9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
3:00 pm Worship at the Plains
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (in person & online)

THUR. 2/19

10:00 am Soul Care Planning (Zoom)
12:00 pm Lectio (Embry Room)
5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embry Room)
6:00 pm Third Thursday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Church Council

FRI. 2/20

SAT. 2/21 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 2/22

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
11:30 am Fellowship Time
3:00 pm Oneonta Community Concert Band (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reporter Deadline is Today!

Submissions for the March issue of the Reporter are due today. Please send content to Amy at communications@firstumc-oneonta.org.

Boomerangs

We will be making boomerangs on Tuesday Feb 17 & 24 and again on  March 17 & 24 for  EASTER sales. If you would like to help make them, we will be starting at 9:00 am in the church kitchen. Whatever time you can commit to will be greatly appreciated. Please let Dottie or Irene know.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

Ashes available in the Sanctuary

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM

The Ash Wednesday service will be both in person and online (Zoom & YouTube).

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.

Faith at the Table – Thursday, March 5

Next month's Faith at the Table dinner and conversation will be on Thursday, March 5 at 6 pm at Jay's Place. The topic is "How do we balance the call to be compassionate with our need for healthy boundaries?" Please RSVP by Monday, March 2. You can either sign up on the website (it's listed under Events) or through the church office (secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org or 607-432-4102).

Camp & Retreat Ministries

The United Methodists of Upper New York conference has five camps across the state (<https://www.unyumc.org/about/crm>). The \$114.21 we collected from last week's special offering will help support this important ministry. Thank you!

UWF Tea – Now on March 29!

Women of First UMC Oneonta – You are cordially invited to the annual UWF Tea Party on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the church. Please come enjoy some snacks and laughs, and connect with friends old and new. Feel free to bring guests – the more the merrier!

Please RSVP to the church office at secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org or 607-432-4102 by March 25.

Be Green, Be Just

Line-dry clothes indoors on drying racks. This saves dryer energy while adding helpful humidity to dry winter air.