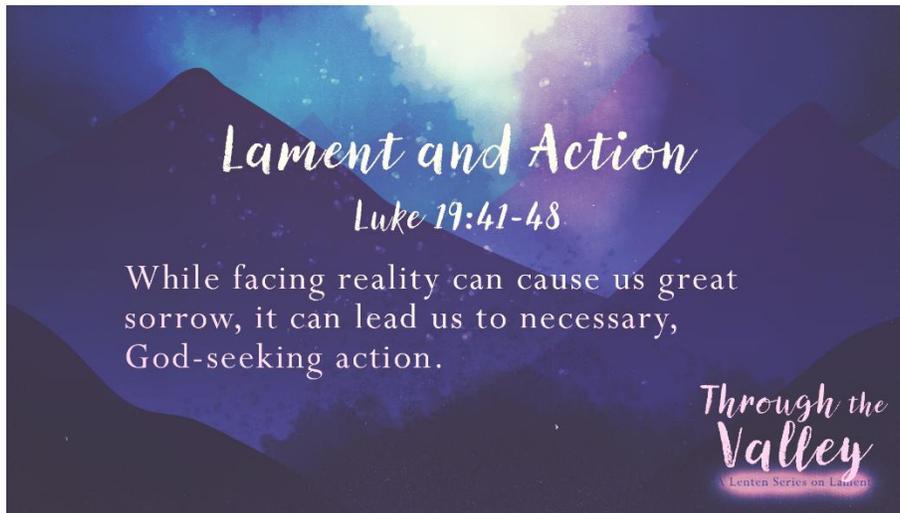


First United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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)

We Gather Together

Processional

“Joy”

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Buckingham Bell Ringers

*Hymn #278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Welcome

*Call to Worship

Jesus, we didn't recognize you when you were here. We never fully understood.

You wept for us knowing we didn't understand. Your compassion is greater than we can imitate.

Even today, we lose sight of you and instead choose to follow the world.

Your compassion continues to this day, regardless of how many times we choose the world.

We need you to help us to fully choose you in our lives.

Jesus, let us be moved by your entrance as the real king.

Let us be moved by your suffering, recognizing it as pure love, so that we might love all our neighbors and siblings. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Unison Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we welcome you with great joy and gratitude. We have been on a long journey of lament, and our hearts have yearned to enter the Holy City. You enter our lives humbly and patiently, urging us to learn and grow and to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Today, we ask you to open our hearts and help us hear your words as we sing praises to you.

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

We Enter the Valley

Children's Time

Anthem

“The Holy City”

arr. Griffith J. Jones © 1945 The Rodeheaver Co.

The Lament

Luke 19:41-48

Cherilyn Lacy
Rachel Hansen

Sermon

“Lament and Action”

Rev. Casey Bradley

*Hymn #280

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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We Are Sustained by Faith

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Righteous One, we confess that we have been walking blind. We have failed to recognize you in the face of the refugee, in the face of the orphan, and in the face of our neighbor. We have failed to see the things that make for peace, and instead choose war in our hearts.

Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see the world as it actually is and ourselves as we actually are, so that we, from that place of real seeing, might respond with true compassion and selfless service. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The 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

March Jingle – Caring Connections

Offertory

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
arr. Katherine Jordahl Larson © 1996 Concordia Publishing House
Joyful Ringers

*Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free.

Prayer of Dedication

We Go in Peace

Announcements

*Hymn #298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
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Benediction

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Postlude

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
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Worship elements adapted from Breakthrough Worship Series, Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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.

Holy Week

**Maundy
Thursday
April 2** **5:30 pm
Simple Meal &
Worship**

**Good
Friday
April 3** **12:10 pm
Ecumenical
Worship**

Easter Sunday

7:00 am **Sunrise Service in the
Courtyard**

9:30 am **Egg Hunt**

10:30 am **Worship in the
Sanctuary**

11:45 am **Easter Brunch**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boomerangs – Last Chance!

Today is the last day to pick up or purchase Boomerangs before Easter! These delicious chocolate and peanut butter confections are gluten free and sell for \$9.00 a dozen. Stop by the Embury Room after the 10:30 am service. You may pay by cash or check made out to UWF.

Profits from the sale of Boomerangs go to local, regional, national and global programs that are designed to improve the lives of women, children, and youth.

Grey Matters

We still have postcards left for writing to our state legislators about putting a moratorium on data centers. All the information needed and addresses are on the table between the Embury room and Sanctuary – come pick up some postcards and add your voice!

Grey Matters will meet this Thursday at 10 am in the Embury Room.

Be Green, Be Just

Drilling for gas and oil on previously protected lands is disrupting the habitats and reproductive patterns of the native species. In addition to spending valuable resources to add deadly greenhouse emissions, the policy is also killing wildlife. Speak up for funding alternative energy sources and for protecting God's creation.

Oneonta District Lay Servant Ministry Classes

The Lay Servant Committee for the Oneonta District is committed to offering required and advanced courses for certification as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. With that goal in mind, we are scheduling a “School” over two weekends in April. **To receive credit for the class, you must attend both classes, and they will only be offered in-person.**

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We will begin with an opening worship.

Lunch will be provided for a fee of \$10.00

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided

Lunch **will not** be provided

Sidney United Methodist Church

12 Liberty Street, Sidney, NY

Deadline for registration is March 30, 2026

The brochure (including course details) &
registration form are available here:

https://www.unyumc.org/images/uploads/Oneonta_Lay_Servant_Committee_Brochure_2_2026.pdf