

First United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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



Pastor, Rev. Casey Bradley
Organist, Leslie Bauer
Choir Director, Carolyn McMaster
Worship Technology, Randall Wilson

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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)

Planting the Seeds

Prelude

“Fanfare”

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Hymn #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Musical Setting: “Introit on *Easter Hymn*”
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(Choir intro, then congregation sings verses 1-3. Interlude, then verse 4)

Sanctuary Choir

Buckingham Ringers

Brass Ensemble & Timpani

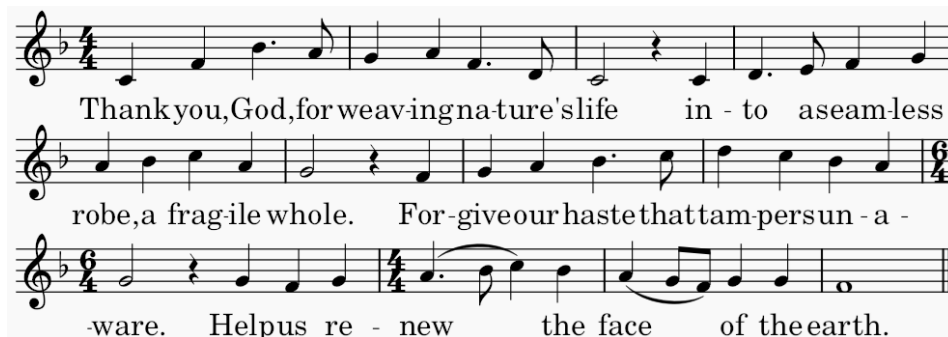
Flora Beth Cunningham, organ

Invitation to Worship

The Lord is risen!

Our God is risen indeed. Alleluia! From the dark, God breaks through into light and life.

While the earth slumbered, while its people mourned and struggled, something wondrous was taking place. Locked away, in the dark depths where no sunlight reached, resurrection was taking place. God announced it through the prophet: “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?” Something new grows here. Where we saw death, behold...life! Where we saw endings, behold...new beginnings! Where we saw a story ending, behold...God is up to something wonderful! May our worship be a thanksgiving to the risen God.



Thank you, God, for weaving nature's life in - to a seam-
less robe, a frag-ile whole. For-give our haste that tam-pers un - a -
-ware. Help us re - new the face of the earth.

Welcoming Words

Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Anthem

“Every Morning Is Easter Morning”

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Tending the Soils

*Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Charles Sherrard

*Hymn #2115

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New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

NRSVUE

Sermon

“New Life Breaks Through”

Rev. Casey Bradley

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Experiencing New Growth

Prayer Moment

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

April Jingle – OHS After Prom

Offertory

“Christ is Risen”

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*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

*Hymn #304

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

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Good Words for the Journey

Thank you, God, for making plan - et earth a home for us and
a - ges yet un - born. Help us to share, consid - er, save, and
store. Come and re - new the face of the earth

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Postlude

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”
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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.

You are invited to join us for an Easter Brunch after the service!

Many thanks to this morning’s musicians!

Choir Director

Carolyn McMaster

Organists

Leslie Bauer
Flora Beth Cunningham

Buckingham Ringers

Leslie Bauer
Chris Brashear
Lori DePauw
Anthony Eardley
Alan Franks
James Forbes
Joyce Miller
Bruce Miller
Margaret Parish
Ann Slocum
Randall Wilson

Brass Ensemble

Josiah Isabell, trombone
Paul Jenkins, trumpet
Mark Kuhlmann, trumpet
Faye Pikul, horn

Percussion

Todd Loucks, timpani

Sanctuary Choir

Scott Burdick
Flora Beth Cunningham
Alan Franks
Larry McMaster
Joyce Miller
Charles Sherrard
Jennifer Withington

Additional thanks to our worship tech intern, Zelizabeth Caranqui.



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.**

Dottie L. Priscilla T. David B. Rich B. Karla G. Amber Sheila B.

Prayers for Joyce Miller and family on the passing of her sister Barbara.

Our sympathy to the Stenz and Van Buren family following the death of Patty Stenz (Bruce's sister and Louise's daughter).

Our sympathy to the family & friends of Grace Larkin following her passing on March 18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Nikayla Ficano & Audrey Kinnick on April 5; Scott Amundsen, Sharon Knapp & Rosanne Shultis on April 6; Gordon Carey & Zachary King on April 7; Bunnie Hand & Andrew Lentner on April 9; and Gabriel Rissberger on April 11.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Edith & Melvin Cook on April 7.*

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 (Meeting ID: 844 9992 4538, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84499924538> or call 1-646-558-8656).

TODAY	Easter 7:00 am Sunrise Service (Courtyard) 9:30 am Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube 11:45 am Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
MON. 4/6	10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room) 5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room) 6:30 pm GRACE Small Group (Dauley Room, Zoom)
TUES. 4/7	11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room) 2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room) 7:00 pm Patrick Committee (Art Room)
WED. 4/8	11:00 am UWF (Embury Room) 12:00 pm Spiritual Study Group (Dauley Room) 1:00 pm Trustees (Art Room)
THUR. 4/9	10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room) 12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room) 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)
FRI. 4/10	
SAT. 4/11	11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 pm OCA Concert – Duo Copla (Sanctuary)
SUN. 4/12	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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Jingle – OHS SADD After Prom

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 Oneonta High School SADD After Prom, which provides students with safe activities after their prom.

Fellowship Time Sign Up

We need more people to sign up to provide snacks for Fellowship Time! While you're at today's Easter Brunch, please find the clipboard on the table and sign up for a slot – we need people for April 12 onward.

Be Green, Be Just

Connect the dots. Climate change is affecting food prices. Super storms, drought, floods, extreme heat—all mess with food production and our budgets. Food cost is the second biggest way climate change is impacting people globally.

United Women in Faith (UWF) Rummage & Book Sale

Thursday, May 7, 9 am - 6 pm

Friday, May 8, 9 am – 1 pm

(\$2 bag sale on Friday)


Rummage & Books may be brought in starting **April 7**.


You may bring your donations to the front of the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have extenuating circumstances and **NEED** to donate sooner, please speak to Joyce Miller first.

Please only bring in clothing and household goods that are usable and in good condition.

Please put donations in a box that closes or a plastic bag to make them easier to pile.

	YES!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean, usable clothing*• Household goods• Books (novels, non-fiction & audio books)• CDs & DVDs• Games, Puzzles & Toys	

	NO!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broken /damaged appliances or household goods• TVs• Textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, worn out books	

* If textiles are clean, but ripped, stained, or just worn out, put them in the box in the hallway.

Volunteer Opportunities – Many Hands Make Light Work!

Setup Days	Sale Days
<u>Sunday 5/3</u> 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Come & Go as you can <u>Monday 5/4, Tuesday 5/5</u> <u>& Wednesday 5/6</u> 9:00 am until ?? We appreciate any time that fits into your schedules – one hour or all day. Lunch provided on Monday & Tuesday.	<u>Thursday 5/7</u> Shifts: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm <u>Friday 5/8</u> Shifts: 9:00 – 11:00 am; 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Cleanup: 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Contact Joyce Miller (607-434-4963 or millerumw@gmail.com) or say YES if she emails or calls you!	

ONEONTA CONCERT ASSOCIATION presents

Dúo Copla

Guitar Music from Puerto Rico



April 11, 2026 • 7:30 PM

First United Methodist Church

66 Chesnut Street, Oneonta

\$30 Adults | \$15 Students



Tickets & Info: Oneontaconcertassociation.org



Easter Flowers

Given By

Phyllis & Gary Becker

Bob, Mary Lynn &
Annalee Bensen

Eardley Family

Laura & Bill Hurley
Frances Hurley

Dottie Lawson

McCoy Family
Gracie & Don Tripp

Ann L. Slocum

Priscilla Thompson

Lucille Wiggin

Given By

Phyllis & Gary Becker

Allison Bookhout &
Bruce Von Holtz

Alan & Carol Franks

In Memory Of

All Loved Ones

Phil Young

Grace Seifert
Dorothy Eardley
Beverly LeBeau

Scott Sorensen

Josiah & Mary Lawson

Marion & Paul McCoy

Howard & Helen Slocum

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Thompson
Lloyd Thompson, Jr.

Our Loved Ones

In Honor Of

Casey Bradley

Zena, Hucky, Jewels, Abel
Loki, Sophie & Lu

Our Family

