

# First United Methodist Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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)*

### Planting the Seeds

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

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Hymn #322

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

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Invitation to Worship

A seed of faith is planted in the rich, fertile soils.

**Watch as it grows, takes on life, breaks forth into the light of day.**

Faith is not something we perfect for an hour on Sunday morning, nor is it something that asks us to be free of doubt or ignorant of the world. Faith invites us to deep relationship with a God whose wonder has inspired song and art and poetry, all of which grasps only the smallest bit of the true nature of God. Our faith nudges us towards the divine; to grow with grace, and to respond by aligning our lives to the love of the One who created us. May our worship be a thanksgiving to the God we seek to touch.

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

Welcoming Words

Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Testimony from the Central Conference Theological Education Fund

Anthem

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Craig Courtney © 1953 Manna Music, Inc.

Nancy Bondurant-Couch, soloist

### Tending the Soils

\*Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Laura Hurley  
Flora Beth Cunningham

\*Hymn #311

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

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**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

*The Love Offering goes to the pastor’s discretionary fund.*

Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me”

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\*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

\*Hymn #318

“Christ Is Alive”

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Good Words for the Journey

Thank you, God, for making planet 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

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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.**

The Benz Family      Scott's stepfather      Dottie L.  
Priscilla T.              David B.              Karla G.

*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).*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** *Max MacKenzie & Breelynn Fletcher* on April 12; *Louise Van Buren, Sarah Lewis & Dana Horrell* on April 14; and *Ryan Ficano* on April 17.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** *Dick & Joyce Miller* on April 17.

### 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              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. 4/13      10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)  
                         5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room)  
                         6:30 pm GRACE Small Group (Dauley Room, Zoom)

TUES. 4/14      11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)  
                         2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room)  
                         6:30 pm SPRC (Coke Room)

WED. 4/15      **Reporter Deadline**  
                         9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers  
                         3:00 pm Worship at the Plains  
                         6:00 pm Joyful Ringers  
                         7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

THUR. 4/16      12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room)  
                         5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)  
                         6:00 pm Third Thursday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
                         7:00 pm Church Council (Art Room)

FRI. 4/17

SAT. 4/18      11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)



## Be Green, Be Just

Plan for the **May 9 Earth Festival at SUNY Oneonta**. Recyclables will be accepted from 10 am - 2 pm. See the April Reporter for a complete list of what is being accepted. Start collecting now!

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### United Women in Faith (UWF) Rummage & Book Sale


Thursday, May 7, 9 am - 6 pm


Friday, May 8, 9 am – 1 pm

(\$3 bag sale on Friday)

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

**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.**

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

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

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