

# First United Methodist Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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



Pastor, Rev. Casey Bradley  
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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

“Immortal Love, Forever Full”  
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\*Hymn #126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”  
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Invitation to Worship

The Good News is proclaimed and witnessed!

**Along the dusty roads we seek to walk with God, to hear the story in new ways, to learn about ourselves and the nature of God.**

The gift of God is revelation. God’s glory is revealed to us through the words of prophets and evangelists, through the beauty of creation and the stories passed from one generation to the next. Through it all, we learn to see Christ in a new light; not just teacher, not just guide, not just redeemer, but the incarnation of love in our lives. May our worship be a thanksgiving to the God who teaches us how to love.



Thank you, God, for weaving nature's life in - to a seam-less  
robe, a fragile 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

Testimony from the Central Conference Theological Education Fund

Anthem

“Seek Ye First”  
(with “Canon in D” by Pachelbel)  
Karen Lafferty; arr. Linda McKechnie © 1972 Maranatha Music

Carolyn McMaster, piano  
Leslie Bauer, organ

### Tending the Soils

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Mark Kuhlmann  
Lori DePauw

\*Hymn

“Has Jesus Stood in Front of Me”

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## Has Jesus Stood in Front of Me

Adam M. L. Tice

MORNING SONG; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

1. Has Je - sus stood in front of me, un - seen be - fore my eyes? He  
2. Has Je - sus met me in the street in some - one I found strange - in  
3. Has Je - sus knocked up - on my door and sought a place to stay? If  
4. Will Je - sus find us puffed with pride, or hum - ble, last, and least? He

comes, a wea - ry re - fu - gee, and calls through stran - gers' cries.  
one who seeks a bite to eat, or asks for ex - tra change?  
I re - fuse to bless the poor, will God turn me a - way?  
calls all hun - gry souls in - side to share in God's great feast.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:36-41

NRSVUE

Sermon

“New Growth on the Journey”

Rev. Casey Bradley

### 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

“In the Garden”

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\*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

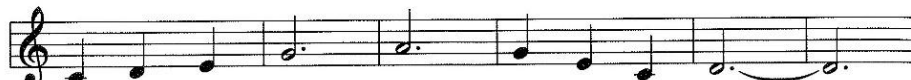
“Day of Arising”

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3086 Day of Arising



1. Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2. When we are walk - ing, doubt-ful and dread - ing,  
3. “Lo, I am with you,” Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4. Christ our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un-known com - pan - ion walks with his own. \_\_\_\_\_  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow-ness of heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
This is Christ’s prom - ise, this is Christ’s sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. \_\_\_\_\_



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known. \_\_\_\_\_  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part. \_\_\_\_\_  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine. \_\_\_\_\_  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Susan Palo Cherwien  
MUSIC: Gaelic melody

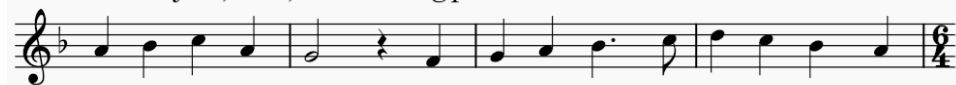
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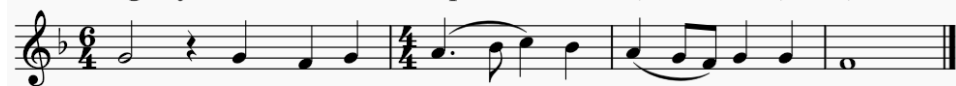
Good Words for the Journey



Thank you, God, for making plan - ete earth a home for us and



a - ges yet un-born. Help us to share, con - sid - er, save, and



store. Come and re - new the face of the earth

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Postlude

“The Day of Resurrection”

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

*Our sympathy to Irene's brother Jim Weaver and family following the loss of his wife, Verla Mae.*

*Our sympathy to the Dutcher family following the passing of Michael.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Edward Rowley & Gavin Brown on April 19; Scott Fielder on April 20; Paul Bauer on April 21; Daniel Wang & Maxine Schidzick on April 22; Maggie Lilja on April 23; and Jim Frankl on April 25.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Angela & Bill Eardley on April 20.*

### 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. 4/20       10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)  
                      5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room)  
                      6:30 pm GRACE Small Group (Dauley Room, Zoom)  
                      6:30 pm Saturday's Bread Board (Art Room)

TUES. 4/21      11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)  
                      2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room)  
                      5:30 pm Estate & Elder Law Planning (Embury Room)

WED. 4/22       9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers  
                      6:00 pm Joyful Ringers  
                      7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

THUR. 4/23      10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room)  
                      12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room)  
                      5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 4/24

SAT. 4/25       11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)  
                      2:00 pm A Good Death: Unboxed (RSVP; Embury Rm.)

SUN. 4/26       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

### **Estate & Elder Law Planning**

There will be a presentation on Estate and Elder Law Planning by Ryan Coutlee from the Coutlee Law office (<http://coutleelaw.com>) on **Tuesday, April 21 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the Embury Room.

The seminar will provide a basic understanding of elements of estate planning including advanced directives, wills, and trusts and their application in the context of elder law and long-term care. Learn the rules of eligibility for Medicaid and methods of protecting assets from exposure to future health care needs.

**RSVP to the church office by noon on Monday** ([secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org) or 607-432-4102) and include your contact info (name/email/phone).

### **A Good Death: Unboxed**

On **Saturday, April 25 from 2 – 5 pm** there will be a presentation about crafting an end-of-life experience that authentically reflects who you are, what you believe in, and the life you have lived. Come learn about choices for end-of-life planning that you might not have considered. Presented by Death Doula Anne Ohman & Anna Brown and sponsored by the Upper Catskill Natural Burial Association and the FUMC Green Team. Please RSVP online at <https://deathunboxed.eventbrite.com>.

### **Faith at the Table – May 7 at 6 pm**

We realized that a potluck will not work on May 7, so Faith at the Table will be meeting at Bella Michael's instead. Our conversation will center around how we can be good stewards of creation. Please RSVP by Friday, May 1 ([secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org) or 607-432-4102).

### **Summer Camperships**

The Upper New York Conference Committee on Camp & Retreat Ministries (UNYCRM) offers four camps across New York State with programs for all ages and abilities – including family weekends, sleepover camps, and options for campers with special needs. More info & links to the camps are available on our website at <https://firstumc-oneonta.org/news/summer-camperships-available>.

FUMC provides camperships covering 50% of tuition. To apply, please submit a copy of your camp registration form and deposit receipt by Monday, June 8 ([secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org) or bring a hard copy to the church office).

Have questions or need help? Contact Marty at 607-435-8551 or [marty.vlb@gmail.com](mailto:marty.vlb@gmail.com).

### **Catskill Choral Society Concerts – “A Night of Glory and Grace”**

**Friday, May 1 at 7:30 pm & Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 pm**

Featuring Antonio Vivaldi's “Gloria” and Maurice Durufle's “Requiem” Tickets may be purchased at Green Earth, Cooperstown Natural Foods; online at [www.catskillchoralsociety.org/tickets](http://www.catskillchoralsociety.org/tickets); or from any CCS member. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more info go to [www.catskillchoralsociety.org](http://www.catskillchoralsociety.org) or telephone 607-386-5151.

[see next page for Rummage Sale announcement]

# United Women in Faith (UWF) Rummage, Bake & 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.**

 **YES!**

- Clean, usable clothing\*
- Household goods
- Books (novels, non-fiction & audio books)
- CDs & DVDs
- Games, Puzzles & Toys

 **NO!**

- 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!

<b>Setup Days</b>	<b>Sale Days</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 5/3</u></p> <p>12:00 – 5:00 pm – Come &amp; Go as you can</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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>	