

First United Methodist Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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
Organist, Leslie Bauer
Choir Director, Carolyn McMaster
Worship Technology, Randall Wilson

First United Methodist Church
66 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY
secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org | 607-432-4102
www.firstumc-oneonta.org | <https://linktr.ee/firstumconeonta>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Text invites the congregation to speak in unison.

(As the prelude begins, please prepare your hearts for worship)

Planting the Seeds

Prelude

“O Worship the King”

arr. Lani Smith © 1991 Lorenz Publishing Co.
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

*Hymn #2120

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

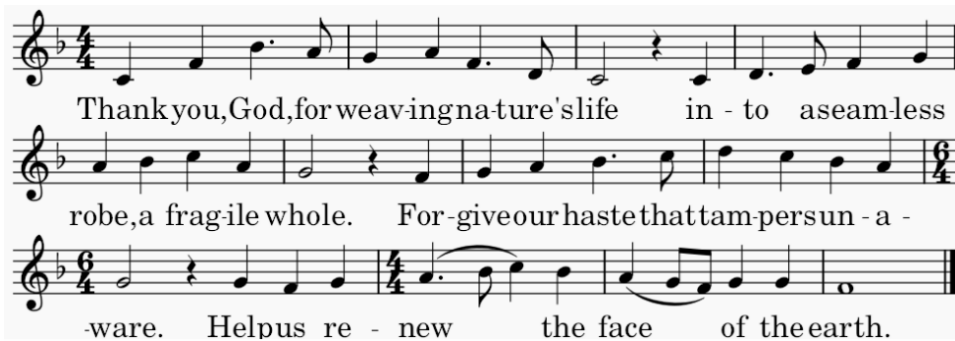
James K. Manley © 1978
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

Invitation to Worship

There is a renewing Spirit moving through the church!

The inbreaking of the Holy Spirit is upon us; The Advocate is here to journey with us through all the lonely and painful places of the world.

The promise of God is not always a promise to comfort and ease. The promise of God brings us into the wilderness, into the struggle, into the real hurts of the world. The promise of God sends us into hospitals to minister with the sick and dying, to the streets to serve with the hungry, to advocate for the migrant and refugee, to sit with the lonely, to speak up for those whose voices are ignored, and to walk alongside those who carry heavy burdens. It calls us beyond the walls of the church and into the everyday places of the world, where compassion becomes action and hope takes root in the lives of our neighbors. The promise of God is to go with us into all these spaces, to be incarnate with us through the Holy Spirit. May our worship be a thanksgiving to God who is with us always.



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

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Larry Shackley © 2005 Lorenz Publishing Company
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

Tending the Soils

*Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Mary Lynn Bensen
Nancy Bondurant-Couch

*Hymn #377

“It is Well with My Soul”
Words and music are in the public domain

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Growing Amid Adversity”

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

May Jingle – Helping Hands Needy Fund

Offertory

“My Lord, What a Morning”
arr. Robert W. Thygerson © 1998 Lorenz Publishing Co.
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Words and music are in the public domain

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

*Hymn

“Restless Weaver”
Words by O.I. Cricket Harrison © 1995 Chalice Press
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

(see last page)

Good Words for the Journey



Thank you, God, for mak-ing 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

Mission Statement

We are 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.

Postlude

“Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven”

arr. Lani Smith © 1975 Lorenz Publishing Co.
Used by permission. One License #A-730784

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.**

Scott A. Priscilla T. The Gardner Family
Graduates & their families

Our sympathy to the family & friends of Marjorie Rowley following her passing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Morry Bordinger & Peg Sorensen on May 10; Owen Burnsworth on May 12; Mary Lynn Bensen & Liz Morley on May 15; and John Litz on May 16.*

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) 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube 11:30 am Fellowship Time
MON. 5/11	10:00 am Book Group (Coke Room) 5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room)
TUES. 5/12	2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room) 6:30 pm SPRC (Coke Room)
WED. 5/13	9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers 11:00 am UWF (Embury Room) 12:00 pm Spiritual Study Group (Dauley Room) 1:00 pm Trustees (Art Room) 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
THUR. 5/14	10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room) 12:00 pm Lectio (Coke Room) 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)
FRI. 5/15	Reporter Deadline 7:30 pm Oneonta Concert Association – Julieta Eugenio
SAT. 5/16	11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 5/17 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 9:25 am Sunday School & Digging Deeper (adult class)
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
 11:30 am Fellowship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reporter Deadline – May 15

Submissions for the June issue of the Reporter are due on Friday, May 15. Please send content to Amy at communications@firstumc-oneonta.org.

Reminder: Please also start thinking ahead to the Summer issue, which will cover July and August.

Miracle Sunday Offering on May 17

During the last month, we have taken a moment in worship each week to hear a testimonial from pastors in our Central Conferences. Next week we will be taking a special offering for the Central Conference Theological Education Fund, which supports theological education outside the United States by investing in schools, courses of study, libraries and contextual resources, scholarships, faculty development, and innovative approaches to training. You are invited to help support the education of church leaders around the world.

Boomerangs – Last Chance!

Today is the last day to pick up Boomerangs until the fall! They're \$9 per dozen, payable by cash or check to UWF.

You may pick them up after church today. Call Marty Becker (607-432-4917) or Irene Morrissey (607 432 7932) if those times are not good for you.

The Great FUMC Cleanup

Church Council is forming a Reimagining Spaces Committee. We want to reduce clutter and transform spaces so that we can imagine new ministries in our beautiful church. We know that there is a lot of sentiment in this building, so if you want to be part of this team, or if you want to make sure that we honor part of our history as we declutter, make sure to talk to Pastor Casey.

Third Thursday Dinner – May 21

This month's dinner will be Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm (before the Church Council meeting). We will be serving Spanish Rice (using Phyllis's recipe). Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall for good food & conversation!

Faith, Doubt, and Good Questions

Summer will be here before we know it! Every summer Pastor Casey invites the congregation to submit requests for sermon topics. Do you have something you've always wanted to know more about? Do you have that one nagging doubt that you've always wanted to hear a sermon on? Submit your questions to Pastor Casey by May 31.

You can email them to pastor@firstumc-oneonta.org, leave them in the box outside of the Pastor's office, or submit them on our website at <https://firstumc-oneonta.org/news/faith-doubt-and-good-questions>.

Be Green, Be Just

Immerse yourself in nature. Try forest bathing (using all your senses to connect to your environment), hiking, enjoying a park, hunting for waterfalls and wildflowers, going to a botanical garden or arboretum, getting out on the water in a sailboat, kayak, or canoe. Renew your commitment to care for the nature that renews you.

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. More info & links to the camps are available on our website at <https://firstumc-oneonta.org/news/summer-camperships-available>. Camp spots are filling up fast so sign up soon!

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 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.



A Community Conversation: Understanding Period Poverty Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm – Huntington Library, 3rd floor

UWF encourages people attend this program about period poverty: the lack of access to menstrual products and resources. Learn how it affects people in our community and what we can do to help.

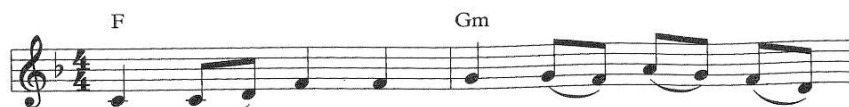
Oneonta Concert Association – Julieta Eugenio Trio

Friday, May 15 at 7:30 pm (at First UMC)

Adults \$30 | Students \$15. Tickets available online and at the door

Led by Argentinian saxophonist Julieta Eugenio, this internationally acclaimed trio brings a fresh, modern voice to jazz. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to <https://oneontaconcertassociation.org/>.

Restless Weaver



1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning
 2. Where earth's fra - gile web is rav - eling,
 3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er
 4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing



threads of jus - tice and sha - lom; dream - ing pat - terns
 help us mend each bro - ken strand. Bless our ur - gent,
 ends in lives a - busied and torn, from com - pas - sion's
 new life — now and yet to be — bind - ing all your



of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures
 bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter,
 stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and
 vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing



find a home; gath - ering up life's var - ied fi - bers —
 air, and land. Through the Spir - it's in - spir - a - tion —
 trust re - born. Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant,
 tap - es - try: you have called us to be weav - ers.



ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue: grant us your cre -
 of - fering health where once was pain — strength - en us to
 give us cour - age, God, to dare live our dreams of
 Let your love guide all we do. With your reign of



a - tive vi - sion. With us weave your world a - new.
 be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.
 trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.
 peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.