

First United Methodist Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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)

Entering the Courts with Thanksgiving

Prelude

“Earth and All Stars”

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*Hymn #111

“How Can We Name a Love”

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Call to Worship

Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God’s good news working among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

We come to receive the Spirit’s abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God’s truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Welcoming

Passing the Peace

Drawing Near to God

Children’s Time

Hebrew Scripture

Numbers 11:24-30

Cherilyn Lacy
Alan Franks

*Hymn #2117

“Spirit of God”

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New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Spirit Unbound”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem

“Ye Shall Be Witnesses”

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Responding with Faith

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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
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*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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Prayer of Dedication

Going in Peace

Announcements

*Hymn #334

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
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(sing 2x)

Benediction

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Postlude

“Come Away to the Skies”
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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.

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.**

Larry M. Rev. LaDana Clark Baby Sal
Scott A. Priscilla T.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Tyler Walsh* on May 29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Bob & Mary Lynn Bensen* on May 30.

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 Pentecost Sunday
8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
11:30 am Fellowship Time
3:00 pm Marjorie Rowley Memorial Service

MON. 5/25 Memorial Day – Building Closed / No Activities

TUES. 5/26 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)

WED. 5/27 9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

THUR. 5/28 10:00 am UWF Book Group
12:00 pm Lectio (Coke Room)
5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 5/29

SAT. 5/30 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday’s Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 5/31 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

Pastor Casey at Annual Conference May 28 - 30

Pastor Casey will be out of the office at Annual Conference on Thursday, May 28 – Saturday, May 30. If you urgently need to contact him during this time, you can call or text him at 607-267-6372.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service for Marjorie Rowley

There will be a memorial service for Marjorie Rowley this afternoon at 3:00 pm. The service will also be streamed via Zoom. See our website for more information (<https://firstumc-oneonta.org/events/marjorie-rowley-memorial-service/2026-05-24>).

Reconciling Congregation Anniversary Fellowship Time

Next Sunday, May 31, we will have a special fellowship time after the 10:30 am service to celebrate FUMC’s 37th anniversary of being a Reconciling Congregation.

Faith at the Table

Faith at the Table is coming to FUMC on June 4 at 6 pm for a pot luck meal. We’ll be talking about experiences that have changed how we think about God. Please contact the church office or sign up on our website (<https://firstumc-oneonta.org/events>) by Monday, June 1, and let us know what you’re planning to bring.

Faith, Doubt, and Good Questions

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 (email 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>.

Miracle Sunday Offering – Thank you!

Last week's "Miracle Sunday" special offering collected an amazing \$1,224 for the Central Conference Theological Education Fund, which supports theological education for church leaders outside the United States by investing in schools, courses of study, libraries and contextual resources, scholarships, faculty development, and innovative approaches to training.

Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday is on June 21. We will be recognizing our graduates that day. If you know of any students who are members or constituents of FUMC who are moving from Elementary to Middle School; Middle School to High School; or graduating from High School, Trade School, or College, we want to know so we can recognize and celebrate their achievement.

Please contact the church office by June 14 (secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org or 607-432-4102) with their names, the school they graduated from, and the degree they are receiving if applicable. You can also share names of graduates with us online at <https://firstumc-oneonta.org/news/celebration-sunday-2026>. Pictures of graduating High School Seniors will be much appreciated so we may celebrate them during worship.

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.

Be Green, Be Just

Pick up litter. Take a walk in a park. With a bag and gloves, where you see litter, pick it up and dump it in available trash cans. Other people may see your actions and be prompted to care for their own rubbish or perhaps join your efforts.

[see next page for one more announcement!]

The Creation Care Team encourages you to attend this meeting:

The proposed CONstitution Pipeline would bring

AI Data Centers Power Plants Heavy Industry

to our beautiful area. To preserve our pristine environment and rural way of life, we must



To learn more about these long term impacts,
come to this meeting:

Tuesday, June 16th from 7 to 9 pm
Foothills Performing Arts Center (Atrium)
24 Market Street, Oneonta, NY



StopTheConstitutionPipeline.org