

First United Methodist Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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

“Simple Gifts”

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*Hymn

“Creation Sings! Each Plant and Tree”

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Creation Sings! Each Plant and Tree 86

1. Cre - a - tion sings! Each plant and tree, each bird and beast in
2. Cre - a - tion speaks a mes - sage true, re - minds us we are
3. Cre - a - tion groans to see the day that ends all bond-age,
har - mo - ny; the bright - est star, the small - est cell, God's
crea - tures too. To serve as stew - ards is our role, de -
all de - cay. Fru - tra - ted now, it must a - wait the
ten - der care and glo - ry tell. From o - cean depths to
spite our dreams of full con - trol. When we dis - par - age
Lord who comes to re - cre - ate, till round the un - i -
moun - tain peaks, in praise of God, cre - a - tion speaks!
what God owns, in tur -moil, all cre - a - tion groans.
verse there rings the song God's new cre - a - tion sings!

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MUSIC: Dimitri S. Bortnianski

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ST. PETERSBURG

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Drawing Near to God

Children's Time

1st Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 8:4-9

Mark Kuhlmann
Charles Sherrard

*Hymn #62

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
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*Gospel Reading

Luke 15:3-7

NRSVUE

Sermon

“What Does Wesley Teach About Caring for Animals?”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Special Music

“There is a Balm in Gilead”
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Jennifer Withington, soloist

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

June Jingle – Habitat for Humanity

Offertory

“How Great Thou Art”
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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 #2008

“Let All Things Now Living”
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Benediction

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Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
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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.**

Irene B. Lori S. Mary & Holly L. Scott A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Joe Ficano, Dennis Barnhart & Nathan Hyde* on June 30; *Bailey Roy* on July 1; *Michael Himes* on July 2; *Veronica Coe* on July 3; and *Christopher Brashear* on July 4.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Tom & Sue Whitney* on June 28; and *Amy & Jeff Gardner* on July 4.

Pastoral Care This Week

Pastor Casey will be out of the office this week (June 29-July 3). For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact the church office, and one of our retired clergy will be in touch.

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
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube

MON. 6/29 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)

TUES. 6/30 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)

WED. 7/1

THUR. 7/2 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 7/3

SAT. 7/4 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday’s Bread
 (at First Presbyterian Church – 296 Main St.)

SUN. 7/5 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 10:00 am Ecumenical Worship (Huntington Park)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship on July 5

On Sunday, July 5, we will have our usual worship service at 8:15 am in the Embury Room and via Zoom/Facebook.

At **10:00 am**, FUMC will join with First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian congregations for a special worship service as part of the America 250 celebrations. We will be meeting on the **upper level of Huntington Park**. Some seating will be available, but we recommend that if you have a folding chair, you should bring it with you.

Be Green, Be Just

Join a “Friends of [...]” group in support of your favorite park or trail. Work together to clean up or shore up the conditions, including trail building or repair, pulling invasive plants, removing trash. Or volunteer as a Sunday school class or congregation for a workday on behalf of God’s creation.

Saturday’s Bread – Temporary Relocation

Saturday’s Bread is temporarily moving to the **First Presbyterian Church** next to City Hall (296 Main St) while work is being done at FUMC for the installation of the new heating/cooling system. The remaining dates for the move are **July 4 and July 11**.

To enter First Presbyterian Church, please use the side door on the driveway side of the building – the handicap entrance. There will NOT be an indoor waiting area, so please plan accordingly. Some parking is available at City Hall and more parking is available across the street in the St James Episcopal parking lot.



Saturday’s Bread Needs You!

Saturday’s Bread is a hot meal program that has been providing a free meal every Saturday for over 34 years. During the school year, many of the volunteers are Hartwick & SUNY Oneonta students. They are gone for the summer, so the need for other volunteers intensifies.

COME! SPREAD THE LOVE! BE PART OF A CARING COMMUNITY!

Contact Joyce Miller at 607-434-4963 if you are between 13 and 93 and can help between 8:45 am and 1:30 pm any Saturday in July and August. Get that “Good Feeling” that comes from caring for others. Be a Good Samaritan! Be in Community with our Neighbors.