

First United Methodist Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 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



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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)

Entering the Courts with Thanksgiving

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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*Hymn #660

“God Is Here”

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Psalm 1

(response 2)

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Drawing Near to God

Children’s Time

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:1-8

Mary Allen
Nancy Bondurant-Couch

*Hymn #2112

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

NRSVUE

Sermon

“The Problem of Theodicy”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Special Music

“I’m Goin’ Up a Yonder”

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arr. Martin Sirvatka © 1988 Libris Music/BMI

Women’s Ensemble

Nancy Bondurant-Couch, Flora Beth Cunningham
Sue Dana-Levinness, Naomi Graham, Robin Medina
Joyce Miller, Jennifer Withington

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

July Jingle – FSA Back to School Supplies

Offertory

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”
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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 #3026

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3026 God Is Good, All the Time

God is good, God is good all the time.

God is good, God is good all the time.

1. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears,
2. When there's no one to share our de - spair,
3. When there's love to be found all a - round,
4. When our sor - rows we bring, let us sing:
5. As our thanks and our praise now we raise,

God is good, God is good all the time.

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MUSIC: Dean McIntyre

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Benediction

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Postlude

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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.**

Bruce VL Anne C. Heather S. Robin E. John J.
Scott A. Lori S. Venezuela (Earthquake Recovery)
Family of Joe Cleary following his unexpected passing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Derek Preston & Bryce Wooden* on July 20; *Suellen Marmet & Abigail Wooden* on July 23; and *Todd Loucks & Emma Pudlewski* on July 25.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *None this week.*

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. 7/20 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)
 6:30 pm Saturday's Bread Board (Art Room)

TUES. 7/21 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)

WED. 7/22

THUR. 7/23 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 7/24

SAT. 7/25 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 7/26 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Back to School” Reporter Deadline – July 30

The “Back to School” edition of the Reporter will go out mid-August. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, July 31**. Content should be sent to Amy at communications@firstumc-oneonta.org.

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