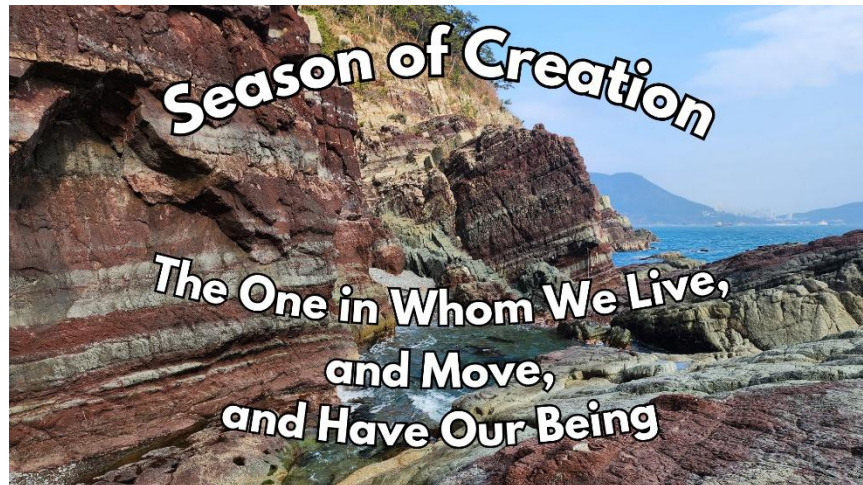


First United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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)

Standing on the Shoreline

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. A. Royce Eckhardt © 1980 Organmaster

*Hymn #145

“Morning Has Broken”

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*Call to Worship

Let us gather to bless the Creator,

who in Christ through Spirit has made all things, visible and invisible.

For God has kept us among the living,

and has not let our feet slip.

Truly God has listened,

and has given heed to our prayer.

Blessed be God,

in whom all Creation lives and moves and has being.

In this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone.

In this season, salt connects oceans teeming with life with tears shed in grief.

May God’s beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

May God’s love inspire our song.

*Sung Response

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

(#2190, verse 1)

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Welcoming

Opening Prayer

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.

Passing the Peace

Time with God’s Children

Anthem

“God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea”

arr. Michael E. Ekbladh © 2012

God of the earth, the sky, the sea,

Maker of all above, below,

creation lives and moves in Thee;

Thy present life through all doth flow.

*Thy love is in the sunshine's glow,
Thy life is in the quickening air;
when lightnings flash and storm-winds blow,
there is Thy power, Thy law is there.*

*We feel Thy calm at evening's hour,
Thy grandeur in the march of night,
and when the morning breaks in power,
we hear Thy word, "Let there be light."*

*But higher far, and far more clear,
Thee in our spirit we behold,
Thine image and Thyself are there,
th'indwelling God, proclaimed of old.*

Collect

Eternal God, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker; You have poured yourself into Creation and gifted us with the awareness of our inherent connections. Give us the courage and power to act in and through and with your image and likeness. For it is in the power of love, the binding force of compassion, and tears both of joy and sorrow that we rise to the fullness of the stature of Christ. In Christ we pray, through whom all things were made and have their being. Amen.

Rooted in Good Soils

1st Scripture Reading

Acts 17:16-21

TBD
Lori DePauw

*Hymn

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2nd Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-28

NRSVUE

Sermon

"The One in Whom We Live, and Move, and Have Our Being"

Rev. Casey Bradley

Formed as Salt for the Earth

Prayers of the People

Offering

September Jingle – SPCA (Sparky's Pantry)

Offertory

"He Leadeth Me"
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*Doxology #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

*Hymn #3129

"Touch the Earth Lightly"
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Benediction

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Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
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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.**

Robert (Bobby) W. Lee Sue S.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Karen Anderson* on September 27; *Avery Burnsworth* on September 29; *Kevin Herrick, Jason LeBeau & Mark Leach* on September 30; *Mary Allen & Wendy Slicer* on October 1; *Quincy Speller* on October 2; and *Marty Becker, Jesse Brashear & Dottie Lawson* on October 3.

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 9:25 am Children's Sunday School & Digging Deeper (adult class) 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
MON. 9/28	10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room) 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)
TUES. 9/29	11:00 am All Staff Meeting (Coke Room) 2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room) 6:00 pm Joyful Ringers 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
WED. 9/30	9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
THUR. 10/1	12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room) 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room) 6:00 pm Faith at the Table

SAT. 10/3 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday’s Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 10/4 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
9:25 am Children’s Sunday School, Digging Deeper &
Three Simple Questions (adult classes)
10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
11:30 am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Special Fellowship Hour Today

Three Simple Questions

The group will meet in the Dauley Room **starting October 4** and continue the following five Sundays, ending November 8. If you have questions or decide to join in, please text Lori DePauw at 607-287-7140 so she can ensure a book is ordered for you.

Fall greetings, Boomers! Believe it or not, it's time to think about making Boomerangs for the Holiday Bazaar, Thanksgiving, and Christmas!

Please pencil in the following dates: October 6, 13, 20 & 27; November 3 & 17; and December 1 & 15.

Many thanks to all who donated items, worked the sale, and assisted with publicity! The grand total was \$2,563.55 (Book Sale \$434.55; Bake Sale \$381.45; Rummage \$1,747.55).

During this Season of Creation, FUMC's Creation Care Team invites you to take part in an action to support our nation's waterways. The Sierra Club states, "Our clean water is at risk. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is moving forward with gutting the Clean Water Act by further limiting which waters are protected at the federal level. This move puts practically all streams and wetlands at risk and is a blatant giveaway to corporate polluters who have been trying to weaken the Clean Water Act for decades."

The administration has opened a very short comment period on its final "Waters of the United States" Rule. We must speak up and tell the EPA that we need to strengthen, not weaken, protections for clean water. It will only take a few minutes to submit your comment now before the October 9 deadline!" You can submit a comment by going to <https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/national?actionid=ar0615768&id=70131000001iOuIAAU>

Be Green, Be Just

Stay ambitious. The goal is big change. Start with a small action, but keep your eyes, mind, and heart open to opportunities that move you – and those with you – closer to what you desire for the sake of Earth and all its inhabitants. (Creation Justice Ministries)

You're invited to the

**Binghamton & Oneonta District
Lay Servant Ministry Open House**

**Sunday, October 4th
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**



**Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center
Founders Lodge
501 William Law Road, Windsor, NY 13865**

Whether it's your first time or you've been to a class before, come by and meet our team & see what is being offered for future classes. Pick up some information and ask any questions you might have and offer suggestions for future classes.

While you're here enjoy the camp surroundings.

Light refreshments will be offered

*Contact binglsm@aol.com for more information
if you are unable to stop and visit with us*