



The “Red Door” Church
First United Presbyterian Church
381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820
www.reddoorchurch.info

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM - Sunday, July 26, 2026

Rebecca LaBarr, Liturgist
CRE Jan Herrick, Guest Leader
Jean Giuda, Director of Music/Musician
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Walton-Leavitt, Pastor

THE LITURGY

Order of Worship

*** - You are invited to stand.**

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SENTENCES OF MEDITATION

"When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart."
~Lamar Boschman (Author, Instructor, and Spiritual Leader)

PRELUDE (G275)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr Terri Hutchings

GATHERING

WELCOME, everyone, to this time of worship. We are delighted to have you with us this morning! We are here to praise God and to enjoy one another's fellowship as we serve both God and our neighbor.

In-person worship is in the Sanctuary. Face masks available.

OR, join us online or by phone using Google Meet.

Every Sunday -- Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjq

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

Please note: All virtual attendees (by phone or online) will be muted once service begins.

For Joys & Concerns: Enter in CHAT – OR unmute to share during Prayers of the People.

As always -- all are welcome. Invite a friend to join us!

See Calendar at end of the worship portion of this bulletin.

Let us now prepare our hearts for worship by listening to the Introit.

INTROIT (G468)

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive reading from Psalm 105:1-5a)

Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us pray.

O God, You are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness,
full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.

Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in all creation.

On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you created by water and by spirit,
may be joined with all your works.

Fill us with your spirit,

that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth.

And let all the people say: **Amen.**

All are invited to sing Hymn No. 14 – *For The Beauty Of The Earth* (verses 1-5)

* GTG No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pierpoint/Kocher

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and three and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: *Refrain***

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: *Refrain***

WORD

Please join me in reading our Prayer of Illumination. [PAUSE] *Let us pray...*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Liturgist

Almighty God,

in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word;

and give us grace that we may clearly understand and

freely choose the way of your wisdom; Amen.

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD's CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING based Romans 8:26-39 (*page 158/NT in pew Bibles*)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord. [PAUSE] ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (*page 14/NT in pew Bibles*)

*** AFFIRMATION of FAITH** (*Sung to the tune of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - G#611*)
God is giving and forgiving; Ever blessing, Ever blessed;
Well-spring of the joy of living; Ocean depth of happiness
God creates us; Christ redeems us; Spirit strengthens heart and mind
Giver of immortal gladness; Lift us to the joy divine.

*** GTG Hymn No. 175** (*vs 1 & 2*) **Seek Ye First** *Karen Lafferty*

See ye first the kingdom of god alleluia, and its righteousness, alleluia,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; alleluia, seek, and you shall find; alleluia,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

THANKSGIVING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Expecting Birth: A baby girl is due in August for Beth Ann (Hughes) & Ben St. Andrews (*family of Larry Brown and Joe & Jane Hughes*).

Paul Rosa's friends are expecting: Claudia (his nurse); Sierra Rain Boyce (Photography Teacher); Jenna Groh (Art Teacher)

Health & wholeness: Madeline B; Dick; Evelyn (*Ruth's relative*); Kyden (*Bobbie's relative*); Candace (*Thais/Jan's friend*); Peggy (*Bev's relative*); Enid C (*former SC, lay preacher*); Janet (*Cynthia's friend*); Sharon (*John B's relative*); Ralph (*Patty W's relative*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Alfred/ Michael/Bill & son-Billie (*Paul R's friend/ relatives*); Shirley & Bob G and Grace (*Goble's grandchild*)

Grieving: All those missing loved ones.

Homebound/Rehab/Managed Care: Judy C (*and Dick, her primary caregiver*)

Traveling mercies for all those on the move this season – near and far.

In Presbytery: Marathon Presbyterian Church, Pastor Douglas Hatch, and the Session

In our community and country: Military personnel serving in USA and abroad.

Hate Speech: Change hearts of those who promote hate -- and comfort victims of it.

Violence in our country: Pray for victims, perpetrators – and solutions.

In the World: Prayers for *shalom* – peace, justice, and healing in the world.

Lives torn apart by hostilities: Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine, and all places in conflict.

Climate change concerns and disasters, (Venezuela) past and pending...

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) (GTG page 35)

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Let us pray ...

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sins of the world.
 We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.
 The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We are misled by pride. We see ourselves as pure when we are stained; and

great when we are small. Our days are busy and our lives our hectic. We feel pulled in too many different directions. We deny ourselves the comfort that comes from being with you in prayer and meditation. In this holy time, Lord, draw us nearer to you. Have mercy on us; heal us; forgive us.

We bring to you now the silent confessions of our hearts.

(time of silent prayer)

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We give you thanks for justice, righteousness, and peace that is promised in your new creation. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again and glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

We bring now the needs of the church, the world, and this congregation, into your loving care....

Remember the world of nations...

Make away in the wilderness of the world. Bring justice and equality to every land and let all creatures know your saving love. God of our salvation,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Remember your church...

Unite it in the truth of your Word and empower it in ministry to the world.

God of our salvation,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Remember this community...

Send messengers of your way among us to kindle in us a passion for what is right and to cleanse us from all corruption. God of our salvation,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Remember our family and friends...

Let your tender mercies shine on them. Give light to those who wait in darkness.

Bless them and watch over them; Be gracious to them and give them peace.

God of our salvation,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Remember the sick and suffering, the aged and the dying.

Encourage them and give them hope. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit.

God of our salvation,

People: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Rejoicing in the communion of Saints, we remember with thanksgiving all your faithful servants, especially those dear to us, who you have called from this life and sit at your right hand. God of our salvation,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER

In Jesus' name and by the power of your Holy Spirit we are bold to pray, saying:

Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

MISSION EMPHASIS: Family Service Association (FSA)

Back-to-School and Clothing Guild items may be put in box outside the church offices.
Mark all donations with *FSA Back to School* on the memo line. Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian*.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Remembering the words from 1 Corinthians 8:4-6: 'There is only one Lord and God,
from whom all things come and for whom we live.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord and let us honor God with our tithes and gifts.'

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hold On to Me

L Daigle/P Duncan/P Mabury

Tithe and Offering Options:

Sanctuary: Offering plates (and envelopes) are near the exit doors.

- U.S. Post to FUPC at 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
- QR Code (*Quick Response Code*): This is **our unique QR code** →
- Vanco Mobile Faith app can be downloaded on your Smartphone.
Type in "Oneonta" to find our church.
- Computer: **New web address for donation** is the following Vanco link – which can also be found on our website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZD01>
- Bill Pay: Use your bank's online bill pay system.
- Electronic funds transfer: Set up from your savings or checking account.



PRAYER of DEDICATION of our GIFTS

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. And let all the people say: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: All are invited to exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.



* GTG Hymn No. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James Manley

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain*

You swept through the dessert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

SENDING

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

This time of worship has drawn to a close. As you head out into the world....

May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

William Bradbury

TODAY

Lectionary: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; 128; 119:129-136; 1 Kings 3:5-12;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

10 AM Morning Worship led by Elder Jan Herrick, an active member and a Lay Pastor with the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. She completed her Commissioned Ruling Elder training through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2008. Since then, she has frequently filled pulpit supply needs throughout the area.

11:00 AM – Hospitality Time - social hall. (*weekly*)

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Joseph Brant* by Frank Antonucci

2:00 PM - A Gospel Music Concert with "Final Harvest" will be held at the East Guilford United Presbyterian Church (Corner of NYS Route 8 & County Road 35 just north of Sidney). A freewill offering will benefit the Lighthouse Cancer Support Group. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK

Monday – Friday - 8:30 AM – Summer Food

Program (SFP) making lunches in the social hall then will be delivered to pools of Wilber Park and Greater Plains, Valleyview School (*summer education*), and Oneida Village Mobile Home Park (*adult meals*).

Tuesday - 1:30 PM – Chain Gang gather in social hall.

Fridays - 1:30 to 3:30 PM – CCAL Class "Learning to Play O Heck" by Paul Griswold in Room 14.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM – FUPC

10:00 AM – ORPC

11:00 AM – Quakers

TUESDAYS 7:00 PM – AA Big Book

FRIDAYS 6:30 PM AA (men's group)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7,15; 145:8-9,14-21; Isa 55:1-5; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

10 AM Morning Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion led by Rev. Dr. Greg Garis. In April 2023, he began his call to be the Lead Presbyter for Transformation for the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley. On October 1, 2025, Greg began working part-time with both Susquehanna Valley and Cayuga-Syracuse Presbyteries as Lead Presbyter.

Greg is married to Lynn, and they have two adult children. In his spare time, he enjoys watching Formula 1 races and is a sim racer. // Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

If online / phone, please have elements near you – preferably bread and juice or wine.

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Oneonta's Revolutionary Soldiers* by Melinda McTaggart

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Gen 37:1-4,12-28; Ps 105:1-6,16-22,45b; 85:8-13; 1 Kgs 19:9-18; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

10 AM Morning Worship led by Deacon Sandra Shear - Retired Associate, Otsego County Lutheran Parish (ELCA); MAMS = Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies and Christian Education. I grew up in southeast PA (West Chester, PA). Raised as a Lutheran and my mother was the church organist. AAS degree from SUNY Cobleskill in Horse Husbandry - now known as Equine Studies. BS from Cornell U. in Animal Science. Worked as a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Agent in Cayuga County (Auburn, NY).

Married to John Shear and moved to Cobleskill as he was a professor at SUNY Cobleskill. We built our own house in Warnerville in 1979-80. We raised 3 boys, 2 are married with 2 children each and the third son travels the world as he works. I raised, trained and sold horses and judged local horse shows. We had our own apartment business for 20 years.

I was active in our local Zion Lutheran Church for 25 years in the areas of worship, education, evangelism, and Synod-wide ministries before attending Gettysburg Seminary. Called to the OCLP as Deacon to work with Pr. Paul Messner in 2005.

I retired from the ministry in 2019, but continue to supply preach and do some work in the OCLP churches and assisting to organize and teach at the wonderful Summer Institute of Theology at Hartwick College each summer. // Liturgist: TBD

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta.
Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Colonial Clothing: The How and Why of It All* by Jeanne Turner

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2026 July Mission Emphasis

Back to School Supplies

Family Service Association (FSA), Oneonta, NY



Family Service Association has been offering the Back-to-School program for over 20 years. With the cost of everything rising, help us help the children of our community obtain the school supplies and hygiene items they need before Aug 16th.

The Back-to-School and Clothing Guild Projects:

- Is open to all families, regardless of income or where they live.
- Allows children and parents to choose their own supplies and hygiene items (see list below)
- Socks / Underwear / Sneakers (*new or gently used, all sizes – toddler 9 thru kids 13*)
- Product Donations may be put in the collection box outside the church offices.
- Financial donations may be put in Sunday offering, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to: FUPC, 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
Make checks payable to *First United Presbyterian* with notation for “FSA Back to School”.

School Supplies being collected:

Backpacks
Colored pencils
Composition notebooks
Crayons
Erasers / Pens / Pencils
Expo markers
Markers
Sneakers for boys/girls

(new or gently used sneakers, all sizes requested)

1- / 3- / 5- subject notebooks
Clorox wipes
Sandwich bags & Gallon bags
Sketch books
Flash drives
Glue sticks
Box of Tissues
Folders



Hygiene Supplies also needed:

Conditioner / Shampoo
Deodorant

Feminine Hygiene
Laundry / Dish Soap

Thank you for your support for the Back-to-School project!