



**The “Red Door” Church
First United Presbyterian Church**

381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820

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**Second Sunday of Easter
10 AM - Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Rebecca LaBarr, Liturgist

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

An acclaimed physicist was pondering a long, complicated formula on a blackboard.

A budding science student stood silently by the door – waiting to give him a message.

Eventually, he noticed the student standing there – and said -- pointing to the formula:

“Someplace in that formula is God – the creator of all things.”

She was stunned. God? In that formula?

PRELUDE

He is Risen

J. Neander

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#

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 (G246)

Christ Is Alive!

Brian Wren

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive reading based on 1 Peter 1:3-9*)

Liturgist

Leader: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

People: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

ALL: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

* GTG No. 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Alford/McFarland

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

**And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

THANKSGIVING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Expecting Birth: Susan Goldman & Quinn Scripter (*Cynthia's niece*) due May 2026.

Health & wholeness: Don (*Thais' friend*); Sharon (*John B's sister*); Jack E (*SFP*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Linda/ Timothy/Alfred/ Meno/Shirley/Michael/Diane (*Paul R's friends/ 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: Presbytery Assembly on Saturday, April 18 and those in training to be Commission Ruling Elders: Tammi Tully, Tilly Huzinga and Jonathan Andrews.

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: Iran, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, and places in conflict.

Climate change concerns and disasters, past and pending...

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

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

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Resurrecting God, in a doubting world,
keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the church universal.
Breathe on us your Holy Spirit,
that we may honor and pass on the great inheritance we have received.
Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for Mother Earth,
that we may touch her wounds with healing care and love.
Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the whole world: its nations -- its leaders -- and its people,
that your wisdom and peace may prevail.
Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for all those in need: the suffering -- the oppressed -- the ill -- the dying,
and all those who care for them.
Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for ourselves, --our families -- and those we love.
Keep us in faith that we may have life.

Blessed are you, O God,
who through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
and in the community of the Holy Spirit,
gives us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading -- now and forever.
This we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to approach you, 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.**



* **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA** (GTG No. 240 refrain)

Fishel

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

MISSION EMPHASIS: One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS addresses Disaster Recovery -- Hunger Relief -- Poverty -- Immigration/
Migration/ Refugees -- and the Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns program.

How to Donate: Create a fish bank -- or put cash or a check payable to FUPC (*marked
OGHS*) in the Sunday offering or mailed to church -- or give online at
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Sisters and brothers, we have no good apart from God.
Therefore, let us keep God at the forefront of our minds
and give generously from all that we have been given,
that others may also receive from the fullness of God.

ANTHEM

Sing, Alleluia, Sing

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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 new 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.

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup.

In you our hearts are glad -- our souls rejoice -- and our bodies rest.

Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges

that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world.

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 No. 14 (vs. 1, 3, 5) 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 joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [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]

SENDING

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God who loves and resurrects us
give you a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit -- and new birth into a living hope.

Trust and love the Christ you cannot see -- and let that bring you joy,
for that faith will bring the salvation of your soul.

POSTLUDE (G244)

This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

TODAY

Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

10 AM Morning Worship

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

11:15 AM – Church School in classrooms (*weekly*)

3:00 PM – ChurchNHood gathering led by Rev. LaDana Clark in social hall.

College Care Packages for Final Weeks. Collection due April 26th (see details on insert).

Holy Week thank you: Appreciation is expressed to all who prepared, led, and participated in our Holy Week and Easter services!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday and Thursday – 1:00 PM – CCAL

Class on *Mahjong* by Marilyn Rosas in Rm 14.

Wednesday – 12 Noon – Cuba in Crisis: A

Path Forward? Join the PCUSA Office of Public Witness and the Interfaith Working

Group on Cuba for a timely conversation on Cuba featuring former Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes and journalist & civic leader Harold Cárdenas.

[Register Here](#)

https://pcusa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CUG-CU6KQ5agEd4xbtSBg#/registration

Saturday – 9:00 AM – Presbytery Assembly at Conklin PC (1175 Conklin Rd) or via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89828426227?pwd=MEMxT0NscWorSXNKV2dFRUtJWURQZz09>

Meeting ID: **898 2842 6227** Passcode: **990410** // Phone: [+1 646 558 8656](tel:+16465588656)

4:00 to 6:30 PM – Spaghetti Supper at First PC, Unadilla (156 Main St.). Eat-in or take-out. Tickets: \$14 (portion to support Unatego Dollars for Scholars). All are welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

10 AM Morning Worship. Liturgist: Emma Kirsch

Saturday, April 25th

2:00 to 5:00 PM – A Good Death: Unboxed at First United Methodist (66 Chestnut St., Oneonta. Free event. RSVP required at <https://deathunboxed.eventbrite.com>

Death Doulas Anne Ohman and Anna Brown to lead discussion on crafting an end-of-life experience that authentically reflects who you are, what you believe in, and the life you have lived. Death planning has many choices that most people are not aware of. Event hosted by Upper Catskill Natural Burial Association and the FUMC Green Team.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th – 4th Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23 or Ezekiel 34:7-15, Ps 100; I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

10 AM Morning Worship. Liturgist: Rebecca LaBarr

3:00 PM – Presbytery Ordination & Installation of Deborah Jinhwa Lee, Pastor-elect for Bovina United PC (2128 County Hwy 6, Bovina Center). Reception will follow.

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