



The “Red Door” Church
First United Presbyterian Church
381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820
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Children & Youth - Graduate Sunday
10 AM - Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

We are all different. Yet we are all God's children. We are all united behind this country and the common cause of freedom, justice, fairness, and equality.
That is what unites us. ~Barbara Boxer

PRELUDE

10,000 Reasons

Myrin & Redman

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-mjg

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

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

INTROIT

Bless the Beast and the Children

Vorzon & Botkin

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive reading based on Galatians 3:26, 28*)

Liturgist

Leader: There is no longer Jew or Greek,

People: there is no longer slave or free,

Leader: there is no longer male and female:

for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

People: We are children of God through faith.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liturgist

God of the first and the last -- give us strength of mind,
 that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship
 without wasting our time thinking about who is more important or worthy.
 Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions
 that we may be like children -- totally dependent on you --
 welcoming all with hospitality and love.
 In the name of Jesus, we pray. And let all the people say: **Amen.**

All are invited to sing Hymn No. 20 - All Things Bright and Beautiful'

* **GTG No. 20** **All Things Bright and Beautiful** Alexander/Shaw

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
 All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
 the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)**

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
 how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

WORD

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(in unison)* Liturgist
**Holy, One, your Spirit gives us life. Grant our ears an appetite for hearing –
 and our spirits strength and courage to hear your call. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalms 23 and 119:9-16 Madelyn Wilson

BIG FISH Class – "The Sun Goes Up" - Based on John 15:26-27 Jan Andrews
(The Bigsby Show on YouTube)

**When the sun goes up and the rain comes down,
 you can see a rainbow up above the ground.
 God said he loved us and He shows us how,
 when the sun goes up and the rain comes down. (2x with congregation)**

**Jesus, the Son went up and the Spirit came down.
 Now He lives in me, so I can carry Him around.
 God says he loves me and he shows me how,
 when the Son went up and the Spirit came down. (2x with congregation)**

The Son went up and the Spirit came down. (2x with congregation)

Eagle Scout Project: Outdoor Church Signage

Oliver Wilson

Faith Formation throughout Life

Jan Andrews and Thais Burkhalter

"For the Love of Bible Journaling" (FTLOBJ) is an online Bible Journaling group based in the Harrisburg, PA area that meets twice weekly to explore God's Word through Bible study, prayer, reflection, and art.

THANKSGIVING

Christian Education Appreciation

Michele Wilson, Convenor

Teachers: Jan Andrews and Brandie Conner

Participants: Elizabeth Anderson, Everly LaBarr, Parker LaBarr, Madelyn Wilson,
Oliver Wilson

JOYS about Graduates: Scott Genardo (Milford High School), Jasmine Bonadies (University of Albany), and Andrew Morell (University of Colorado)

MORE JOYS AND CONCERNS

Expecting Births: Kimmy & Ryan Alsheimer (*Pastor of ORPC*) twins due in November.

Health & wholeness: Mike (*Jo Ann Aymar's husband*); Harold (*Nadine's brother*); Bob B (*Fran's brother*); Teresa (*Morell's friend*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Bobby/Alfred/Billy & Son/ Shirley/Michael (*Paul R's friends/ relatives*); Wyatt (*toddler*); Tim/Grady/Joe/ Peg/Tina/Paul (*Jones' friends/ relatives*); Grace (*Goble's grandchild*)

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

Grieving: families and friends of Vivian Ray (*April's mother-in-law*) and Janet Bodisco-Massink-Fisher (*former FUPC pastor Willem Bodisco-Massink's wife*), and all those who are missing loved ones.

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

In Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Hancock -- and the Session

In our community and country:

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

Gun 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: Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and places in conflict.

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

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Malawi, Zambia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) (*Glory pg. 35*)

[*A time of silence may follow each intercession.*]

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our salvation in whom we trust,

you who are eternal – know our daily joys and sorrows –

and give us grace to bring our needs before you.

We pray for teachers, students, disciples –

and all the saints who lead your church.

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit -- and help the church's faithful to uphold them.

We pray for elected officials -- and for civil servants.
Stir them to heed justice -- and rouse the church to hold them accountable.

We pray for those who are sick -- or in any kind of trouble.
Comfort them with grace -- and empower your church to minister to them.

We pray for all who suffer the violence by human hands -- or natural disaster.
Shield them with your holy angels -- and motivate your church to care for them.

We pray for all children and for the defenseless.
Protect them with your care -- and strengthen your church to tend to them.

We pray for all those who may live in fear of your judgment,
who have known rejection -- or who live on the margins of society.
Show them the love that casts out fear --
and enable them to find a place in your church,
that we may be a community of reconciliation.

God of mercy, our strength and our might,
receive these prayers, which we offer trusting in your goodness.
We ask in weakness according to our need,
but you give wisely according to your gracious care for all the world.
Therefore, we pray in gratitude and in hope through our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit we are bold to pray:

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.



* **GLORY TO GOD** (GTG No. 582, vs. 1)

Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD's CHILDREN: ORRC

Jan Andrews

June's monthly mission donations will benefit the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition (ORRC). Thank you for marking donations with ORRC on the memo line. Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian Church*.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Like the child Jesus held --
we live and move and have our being inside the circle of his arms.
Let us open our hearts so that our tithes and offerings
bring others, as well, into that circle.

OFFERTORY (*Fran/Jean*)*You'll Never Walk Alone**Hammerstein & Rogers*Tithe and Offering Options:Sanctuary: Offering plates 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 code →
- Vanco Mobile Faith app can be downloaded on your Smartphone. Type in "Oneonta" to find our church.
- Computer: Use this link to access our online giving portal without the Smartphone Vanco app: [FUPC Donation Page](#)
- 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.

Gracious God, we thank you for the blessings you shower on us each day.

Transform the gifts we offer into signs of welcome

for all who are touched by their use.

Transform us into people who receive – and give to others – your gifts of grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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. 487*****These Treasured Children****J Jones/Praetorius*

**These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heart-felt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.**

**Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.**

**We long to trust as children do and so entrust our days to you;
in their young lives we clearly see a lesson in humility.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.**

**Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace.
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
and gently guide them to your will.**

SENDING*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God give you the gifts needed to be a capable servant.

May Jesus Christ give you the ability and courage
to be his hands and feet in the world.

May the Holy Spirit give you the loving heart of a child
so that you can appreciate others unconditionally.

Go out into the world to welcome all God's children,
for in doing so -- you welcome Jesus.

POSTLUDE*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**Traditional Spiritual***TODAY**

Lectionary: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

10 AM Morning Worship led by the Church School.

11:00 AM – Ice Cream Social in social hall

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – 9:00 AM – Dishes for ORRC – Larry to
take boxes to First UMC. Helpers welcome.

1:00 PM – Chain Gang in social hall.

7:00 PM – FUP Book Club meets at church to discuss “*The Memory of Water*” by Karen
White. For more info, contact Rebecca LaBarr.

Thursday – 5:00 PM – Summer Food Program (SFP) Volunteer Training (*mandatory*)

Volunteers needed for SFP running Monday thru Friday from July 7th to August 22nd.

Kitchen Crew: 8:30am – 10:30am and/or Delivery Crew: 10:30 am–12:00 Noon

For more info, contact Rebecca Matthews, Catholic Charities DOS Program Director,
at 607-353-2198 (cell) or matthews@charitiesccdo.org

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM – FUPC

10:00 AM – ORPC

11:00 AM – Quakers

TUESDAYS 5:30 PM – ORPC Bible

7:00 PM – AA Big Book

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

10 AM Morning Worship. Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

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

11:30 AM – Carol Sprague Day reception in social hall – invite friends and family!

Friday, July 4th

Office Closed in observance of Independence Day

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14 or Isa 66:1-14, Ps. 30 or 66:1-9; Gal. 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

10 AM Combined Worship at First PC (296 Main St., Oneonta) with Commissioning
of Summer Food Program Volunteers. Pastor Walton-Leavitt preaching.

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