

*First United Methodist Church
65 Main St.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Phone: (716) 694-2456
May 16, 2021
8:45 am Service*

Prelude

Brent Minet

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

John Jenks, Amanda Taylor and Brent Minet

Hymn: "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

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Welcome and Announcements:

Amanda Taylor

We're glad you're here! At FIRST UMC IN NORTH TONAWANDA NEW YORK, we value community. None of us are perfect, but together we are changing the world with love, generosity, and service. If you have tried church before and didn't like it, please come worship or serve with us. If you have never been to church or it has been a long time....This is the place to start. GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT FIRST UMC. We would love for you to come and visit us. Dress is always casual, so please come as you are!

Call to Worship

Pastor Raquel Alston

L: Jesus Christ has ascended into the heavens and sits at your right hand while we are down here laboring doing the best that we can to survive.

P: God help us!

L: We are keeping our heads above water, but (God forgive us) sometimes drowning seems to be an answer.

P: God help us!

L: We keep our faith and trust in you in spite of how we are being treated.

P: God help us!

L: We are abused, misused, and accused. For this reason, we understand more and more that this world is not our home and we are just strangers passing through the night.

P: God help us!

All: God, we are your children and we need you to help us so that our feet won't slip and our faith won't waver. We believe in you and trust in Your Holy Word.

Do it God! Do it today! God help us!

Curry F. Butler, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Raquel Alston

Joys and Concerns:

Miriam Hanley

Diane K., Marge S., Nancy H., Ruth L., Zoe R., JoAnn F., Terry & Judy W.,
Fern S., Joan B., Virginia R., Dawn D., Maxine S., Bill W., Bud and Barb K., Maci R., the
family and friends of Doris (Sue) Rutledge, our Pastor, our church and our church family
every day.

Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Raquel Alston

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Raquel Alston

Scripture Reading: Psalm 47

Theo Hepburn

Children's Moment

Miriam Hanley

Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Theo Hepburn

This is the word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon: "We Can Be Certain" (Luke 24:44-53)

Pastor Raquel Alston

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Here I Am Lord"

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Benediction

Pastor Raquel Alston

Postlude

Brent Minet

Church News

Anniversary Wishes for May

Dave and Kathy Starkey May 23rd are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

Congratulations!

May God Bless you with many, many more.

Changes to our Sunday Service!!!!

We will be allowed to sing along with the songs during our Sunday service as long as you wear your mask at all times and can maintain 6 feet between you and another parishioner starting Sunday, May 2nd.

Also we will be changing our Sunday service time. Starting June 6th we will be having service starting at 9:30.

Community Corner Cafe

Our Community Corner Cafe will be serving baked manicotti, green beans and cookies on Saturday, May 22nd. Serving time is 11:30 to 12:30. Suggested donation is \$2.



Hearts and Hands



We are pleased to share a message of support for Hearts and Hands, a not-for-profit, neighbors-helping-neighbors organization serving this community and other suburban areas. Hearts and Hands links willing volunteers with older or physically-challenged adults for basic services such as transportation to medical appointments, errands or social activities; light housekeeping, yard work, and caregiver respite visits. This support helps these neighbors remain independent in the home and community they love. Volunteers receive mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance coverage. Take only the assignments which fit your schedule. If you are looking for a way to have a positive impact in your neighborhood, Hearts and Hands needs you as a volunteer. Please call Heidi at 716-406-8311 Ext. 103

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are having services in our sanctuary at 8:45 and on line for those who are not able to make it in for the service. There are still restrictions that must be followed by ALL who choose to attend in person. We are still required to wear masks at all times in the building, your temperature will be taken when you enter the Gorsline entrance, you will be asked the required questions and we will have hand sanitizer for everyone to use. We are ALLOWED to sing but you must stay 6 feet apart from non-family members. Please do not congregate in the building to talk to others. On the first Sunday of every month we will be having Communion. Please pick up you Communion elements in the Narthex before sitting down.

Please continue to donate to our church using this link or by mailing in your tithes and offerings at: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/fumcmt> or visit our website <https://Firstchurchnt.com> and click on Get Involved and then Giving while on our website check out our previous sermons. If it is more convenient for you, you can mail your offerings to the church:

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