

*First United Methodist Church
65 Main St.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Phone: (716) 694-2456
January 30, 2022
9:30 am Service*

Prelude

Brent Minet

Hymn: "We Fall Down"

Amanda Taylor, Kristi Crosby, John Jenks and Brent Minet

Hymn: "Hallelujah"

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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 did not 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: How can we keep still this day?

P: There is joy in this place!

L: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

P: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

L: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

P: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Raquel Alston

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Raquel Alston

What Shall I Render to My God?

3 Ways to Give:

1. **Online:** Firstchurchnt. Com; Click Give
2. **Mail:** 65 Main Street, North Tonawanda, Ny 14120
3. **In Person:** Place Gift in Donation Plate Located in Narthex

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Raquel Alston

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience agape love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

Brandie Brown

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Gospel Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Brandie Brown

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

Sermon: "All You Need Is Love" (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Pastor Raquel Alston

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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Benediction

Pastor Raquel Alston

God did not say that it would be easy to bring the good news to all people, but God did say that God would be with you. So go now in peace, walking humbly with God. Bring the good news of hope to all the people. Amen.

Postlude

Brent Minet

Church News

****Word on Wednesday****

Our Bible Study, **Word on Wednesday (WOW)** will be **starting on February 2nd at 7:00 pm and goes until June 8th**. We are doing this WOW group with the Orchard Park UMC. If you are interested in joining the **WOW Zoom group please contact the church office so the link can be sent to you.**

Easter Production Auditions

Hello Community of Churches members:

Would you like to audition for our Easter Production? We would like this to be a community event with participation from area churches.

We need the gifts and talents of people who can sing, act and help with sound and scenery. This is our second round of auditions and will have a third round on February 14 & 15 @ 7 pm.

We still have parts open for Caiaphas, Judas, Peter, Pilate, Quintillius, Soldiers that have speaking roles and some do not, Thief 1&2, John, King Herod (Antipas), and some minor roles that entail women crying at the cross and men being present as a disciple at the last supper.

Thank you for your help! Spread the Word! :)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are having services in our sanctuary at 9:30 and online for those who are not able to make it to church for the service. There are still restrictions that must be followed by ALL who choose to attend in person. **YOU MUST WEAR MASKS IN THE BUILDING AT ALL TIMES**, 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 and you must wear your mask at all times.**

Also, for those of you who would like to use one of the Bibles or Hymnals that are in the Narthex please use the hand sanitizer before you take one and after you put it back on the table in the narthex. 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 your 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/fumcnt> 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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