



World Communion Sunday

**United Church of Christ, First Congregational
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

October 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Richard Blake.

Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD

Traditional African-American melody

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT - Mary Williams

Neighbors in Need

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The whole world is in God's hands.

ALL: Everything that lives and breathes.

Everything that simply is. Everything.

ONE: From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

*Please stand if you are able.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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ALL: God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!

ONE: As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our kindred around the world, to remember whose we are, we praise —

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

ONE: Shall we pray?

ALL: With all that we have, with all that we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being. Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering. Bless this world, with your overflowing love. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN**

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

#67 (v. 1-4)

(Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE (An Offertory Prayer)

ONE: We love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

ALL: We pledge our whole selves to God.

ONE: We love our neighbors as ourselves.

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ALL: We pledge to do justice as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation.

ONE: We love one another as Jesus loves us.

ALL: We pledge to be and become Christ's Beloved Community in our life together.

ONE: We make disciples by teaching and modeling how to follow Jesus' Way of Love.

ALL: We pledge to be Jesus' disciples sharing Jesus' Way of Love in the way we live our lives and practice our faith.

Offering plates are located at both Nave doors for your convenience.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***COMMUNION HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table
(Tune: BEACH SPRING)

#332 (v 1, 2)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ONE: We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread: the fruit of the earth worked with human hands. and who makes it into the bread of life.

ALL: We rejoice in the God of life who gives us wine: the fruit of the vine tended with daily care, and puts the flavor of the new world into it.

ONE: As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine – into a visual symbol for us –

ALL: May our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world. Alleluia!

UNISON WORDS OF REMEMBERING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners, who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans.

Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power.

Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.

**Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.
We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last
Supper.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ONE: You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself. Now, bare, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us and as wine that consoles us.

ALL: **You are Light and Truth. You are the Way and the Hope. You are Love. Grow in us.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD

ONE: This is the bread of heaven which Christ has sent for you. Take and eat.

ALL: **We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.**

ONE: Take and eat.

SHARING OF THE CUP

ONE: This is the cup of blessings which Christ has poured for you.

ALL: **We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

ONE: Take and drink.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table
(Tune: BEACH SPRING)

#332 (v. 3)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 137

Pew Bible OT p. 639

Luke 17:5-10

Pew Bible NT p. 82

CHOIR ANTHEM

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

Henry Alford

Tune: DUNLAPS CREEK, Samuel McFarland

Harmonization, Richard Proulx, 1986

SERMON *Mustard Seeds and Mulberry Trees*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE

My Faith Is an Oaken Staff

Swiss Folk Melody

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

ONE: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

ALL: God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

ONE: You call the worlds into being,

ALL: create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

ONE: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

ALL: You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

ONE: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot,

ALL: conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

ONE: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,

ALL: creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

ONE: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others,

ALL: to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

ONE: You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

ALL: courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

ONE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN**

We Praise a Grain of Mustard Seed
(Tune: AZMON)

Insert

BENEDICTION

ONE: May the God of Life, be your guide on the road every day, be your refuge in times of uncertainty and be your rest in times of fatigue.

ALL: May the God of Life, strengthen you when you feel weak, comfort you when you feel sad and hug you when you feel alone.

ONE: May the God of Life, who loves you and knows you, cover you with the tenderness of unending love. Forever. And let the people say

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing James Denton
Based on AZMON, by Carl G. Gläser

Bulletin Notes:

Prayers and Communion Liturgy adapted from Rev. Maren Tirabassi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the building. Children are also welcome in the entire the service or can leave after the Children's Moment – whatever works best for your family.

THERE IS STILL SOME CHOBANI YOGURT in the refrigerator for anyone who would like some, compliments of Colorscape Chenango.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 3 Leona Tyler
- 6 Pat Evans
William Kolb
- 8 Shea Breese

A BIG THANK YOU TO FOLKS who have signed up to be liturgists, host fellowship hour, and so many things! **We are in need of a second liturgist for Sunday, October 30**, as Pastor Jason will be away that day. He will have pre-recorded the sermon, children's time, and some other parts of worship. However, we need for someone to read the portions of the liturgy which he normally does. Please sign up if you are willing, and Pastor Jason will work with you on this.

HELP NEEDED WITH “HELPING HANDS”

- Someone to shop with Rose Laughlin once a month at The Dollar Tree in Norwich. It takes about a half an hour.
- Donations of brown paper bags to hold our monthly donations to Helping Hands. Bring donations in to the church office

Your help is much appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NEXT WEEK ON OCTOBER 9TH. Bring photos of your beloved animals (living or across the Rainbow Bridge) or a stuffed animal for blessing during the worship service. Those worshipping online will also be able to participate virtually with your pets. At noon that day, bring your animals to the park across from the church (weather permitting) for an "in-person" blessing. All animals should be appropriately leashed or crated as need be. In the event of inclement weather, we will look to reschedule this part of our blessing.

THE DATE AND TIME for Pastor Jason's installation is set. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. We will gather here and on YouTube for Pastor Jason's formal installation by the Susquehanna Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ.

LIVE CHOIR will begin meeting in October and November on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Nave. All are welcome to attend for fellowship, singing, and fun! Each week, we will: work on developing our individual voices to create an appropriate choral sound; review the hymns for Sunday; prepare anthems; and take some time to explore the texts of our music in order to better understand the messages that are expressed. Masks will be optional and everyone is encouraged to participate in a manner that feels right for you!

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School in-person and Zoom

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion, Nave
Neighbors in Need Offering

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room

6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

MONDAY OCTOBER 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.

3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs

3:30 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons, Nave

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 - 3:00 p.m. Pastor Jason's Office Hours

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 a.m. AARP Driver Training, Founders Room

10:00 - 3:00 p.m. Pastor Jason's Office Hours

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

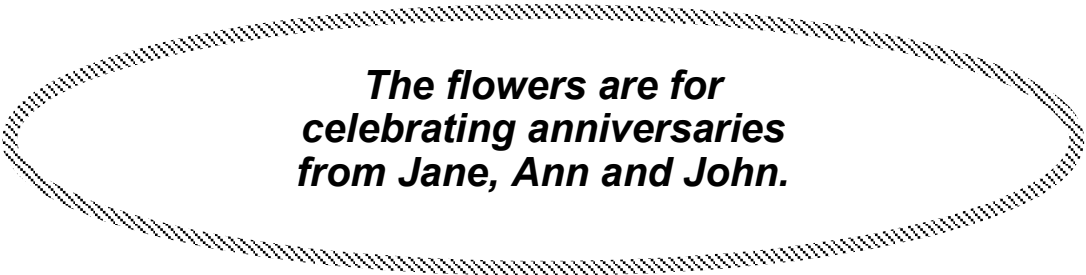
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room

12:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, West Side Park

4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom



***The flowers are for
celebrating anniversaries
from Jane, Ann and John.***

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:

Pastor and Teacher: **Rev. Jason Boyd**

Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler**

Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**

Organist: **Jason Handy**

Live Stream: **Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney**

Interim Director of Children's Ministries: **Jessica Posner**

Sunday Sexton: **Elsbeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

Usher: **Pete Williams**

Coffee Hour: **Mary and Pete Williams**

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 10/9

Usher:

Liturgist: Katie Izzo

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

October 2, 2022

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MODERATOR: John Kolb

CHAIR OF DEACONS: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Mary Williams

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Jessica Posner

PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.)

UCC Norwich Reopening Guidelines

Revised 03/31/22

COVID Protocols that have been modified:

- Face coverings in the church building will be optional
- Social distancing of 6 feet is still recommended.
- Childcare will be available again beginning in September 2022
- Parishioners may choose their own seating in the Nave. Distancing between non-family groups is still recommended.
- Hymnals, Pew Bibles will be in the pew racks and may be used.
- Congregational singing is now permitted.
- Prayer requests may be spoken during the worship service or may be submitted in the prayer basket. (Usher will bring microphone around to congregation. Microphone cover will be supplied)
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24, 2022 and will be hosted and coordinated by the Deacons.
- Passing of the peace will continue to be suspended at this time.
- Offerings will be collected by placing your envelope in a basket upon entering or exiting the Nave.
- Communion will be offered in the pews using individually portioned elements.
- Hearing assistive devices will be available for those that need them. You will receive the headset in a bag. Please write your name on the bag and store the headset in the same bag for use during future services.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located near the Nave entrance hall and in each pew. Please wash your hands or use sanitizing stations frequently.
- We ask that if you are not feeling well and /or may be exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, that you refrain from attending until you feel better.
- Disinfection Plan: our Custodian will disinfect all high touch surfaces, including rest rooms and seating areas, before and/or after weekly services.