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**Rejoice with me,
for what was lost is found!**

Luke 15



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



An Open and Affirming Church

September 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

Please sign the attendance pad found in the pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The promises of the world are fleeting,

ALL: But the promises of God are eternal.

ONE: Worldly measures of success, wealth, and power tempt us;

ALL: The commandments of Christ lead us into new life.

ONE: Though we are swayed by the ways of the world, God calls our name.

ALL: Jesus says, "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

ONE: Enter this time of worship, leaving behind the desires of this world;

ALL: May our desire be for God, and to love one another.

INVOCATION

*Please stand if you are able.

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***OPENING HYMN**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing
(Tune: NETTLETON)

#459

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

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.

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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 14

Pew Bible OT p. 546

CHOIR ANTHEM

Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)

Civilla D. Martin, 1904

Tune: MARTIN C.M.

by W. Stillman Martin, 1905

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible NT p. 64

SERMON *Seek, But Don't Hide*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE

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**

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me #474 (v. 1,2,3, repeat 1)
(Tune: I'M SO GLAD)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Robert Lau

Bulletin Notes:

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TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:

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

Liturgist: **Katie Izzo**

Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**

Organist: **Jason Handy**

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

Sunday Sexton: **Elsbeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

Usher: **to be determined**

Flowers: **Pat Burke**

Coffee Hour: **No Coffee Hour**

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 9/18

Usher:

Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler**

Flowers:

Coffee Hour: **Bob Bartlett, Joni Kreis**

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.

REMINDER TO DEACONS - Meeting next Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

9/11 Samantha Gage 9/14 Sam Miller

ANNIVERSARY:

Todd Bachman and Elizabeth Bronson 9/15/84

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - The Church office will be open regular hours beginning September 12. Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. If the door is locked during business hours, ring the buzzer at the front door, or call the church office from your cell phone.

THE KNITTING GROUP will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen. Anyone who enjoys needlework of any kind is welcome to come and bring a project. For more information, talk to Jane Prime or contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help set up for Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale on Wednesday, September 14th at 1:00 p.m. Contact Audrey Johnson at 607-843-6249.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL starts next week - September 18th. Jessica Posner will be filling in for Linda Oehme and will be here for an in-person and Zoom combination class starting at 9:00 a.m. All school aged children are welcome! For more information, contact the church office at office@uccnorwichny.org or 607-334-3434.

SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER, LITURGIST OR COFFEE HOUR HOST. Check the bulletin board in the hallway.

ZOOM CHOIR will resume Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning on September 14. We will move to in-person rehearsals at church during October and November! An Advent/Christmas cantata is being planned as well. Preparation for that will be held virtually AND in-person. Several songs will be shared as virtual anthems with a live performance planned for a Sunday afternoon in December. Hand Bell Choir rehearsals will resume in October with performances during the Advent season. We are looking for more SINGERS and RINGERS! Contact Mary Williams or the church office if you are interested in joining either group.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YARD SALE - Friday - Saturday - Sunday 9/15 to 9/17 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. located at 16 North Canal St., Oxford (next to Mirabito Gas Station)

IF YOU NEED HELP with something, please reach out to the church office or a Deacon. We're here to help each other.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 a.m. Colorscape Food Prep, Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
11:00 a.m. Colorscape Festival, downtown, Parking Lot
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
1:30 p.m. Tutoring, kitchen
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.
7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Musical Club meeting, Nave

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
6:00 p.m. Home Bureau County Meeting & Potluck, Founders' Room, kitchen, parking lot
7:00 p.m. Zoom Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 p.m. Quilting Circle, kitchen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School, upstairs and Zoom
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room
4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

Watch a live stream of our service Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at
www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2

Past worship services can be viewed at
www.uccnorwichny.org/worship

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MINISTERS: All the People



PASTOR AND TEACHER: Rev. Jason Boyd

MODERATOR: John Kolb

CHAIR OF DEACONS: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRIES: Linda Oehme

PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

UCC Norwich Reopening Guidelines

Revised 03/31/22

- 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.