



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 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Pastorale*

Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

(Please sign the attendance pad found in the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 150)

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise God in the sanctuary! Praise God under the sky!

ONE: Praise God for all God's mighty deeds!

ALL: Praise God for God's incredible goodness!

ONE: Praise God with musical instruments!

ALL: Praise God with dance and song!

ONE: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN**

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

#558

(Tune: IN BABILONE)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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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.

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 READINGS

Psalm 121

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Pew Bible OT p. 633

Pew Bible OT p. 817

CHOIR ANTHEM

What A Covenant

Words by Eilsha Hoffman, 1887
Music by Anthony Showalter, 1887

SERMON "Keeping Covenant"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Take My Gifts*

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE
Colin Gibson, 1991

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 Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* #563 (v.1-2)
(Tune: ENDLESS SONG)

BENEDICTION

HYMN RESPONSE *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* #563
(v.3)
(Tune: ENDLESS SONG)

POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal*
(Lancashire), Henry Smart
arr. David S. York

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

16 Tim Burgher, Justin Posner
17 Kristin Metz Miller
20 Julie Gonzalez, Debra Phelps, Mya Yantz
21 Jennifer Mallozzi

CALL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING NEXT WEEK- Sunday, October 23 after the worship service the Trustees will present a preliminary budget for 2023.

THE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH TWO PROJECTS:

- Coordinator for the virtual photo directory
 - Someone to organize a church potluck supper following Pastor Jason's Installation Service on November 13.
- Please talk to Mary Williams or contact the church office if you can help.

THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES is currently being covered by Jessica Posner on an interim basis. If you are interested in this position, details are available from the church office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW THE LIVESTREAM EQUIPMENT WORKS? The Livestream Group is looking for a second intern to learn how to operate the computer that generates the livestream. Contact the Church Office or Jennifer Mallozzi for more information.

IT IS FLU SEASON - The NYS Health Department recommends the following to prevent the spread of the flu: Get a flu shot; wash your hands; stay home if you're sick. You can get a flu shot at most local pharmacies and most insurance will cover the cost. The Chenango Health Department (607-337-1660) can help if you are uninsured or underinsured.

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD and sign up to usher, provide flowers, host coffee hour or serve as liturgist. There are many open spaces. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER - Pastor Jason will be away from Norwich from October 24 through November 2. During that time, Rev. Laura Wade of Christ Lutheran Church on North Broad Street will be available for emergency pastoral care. Her contact information is available at the church office and will be sent to members of the church family before October 24.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School in person and on Zoom
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs
2:00 p.m. M. Nakoa rehearsal, Nave
4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

MONDAY OCTOBER 17

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
2:00 p.m. M. Nakoa rehearsal, Nave
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs
3:30 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons
4:00 p.m. Helping Hands Collection Night at the YMCA
7:30 p.m. Matt Nakoa "Antique Dances", in the Nave. Free and open to the public. Livestreamed from the Monday Evening Musical Club Facebook page.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Kitchen

6:00 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders' Rm.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away Night, YMCA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave

Budget Information Meeting

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

11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs

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

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**

Sunday Sexton: **Elspeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 10/23

Usher:

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Flowers: Mary and Pete Williams

Coffee Hour:

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PASTOR AND TEACHER: Rev. Jason Boyd

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 HOURS - By appointment only.

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.

COVID Protocols that remain in place:

- 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.