



**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;**

Psalm 65:11-12

**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 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Budget Information Meeting / Stuffing Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude Book 2 No. 12

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The road is long, but the journey is worth it.

ALL: We do not travel alone; we are part of the great fellowship of saints.

ONE: The life of faith rises and falls,

ALL: But God is with us, every step of the way.

ONE: The Spirit gives us endurance and strength for the journey;

ALL: Christ has called us into a community of living hope.

ONE: Come, join us on the journey of faith;

ALL: Share in the Good News of God's Love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ONE: Let us worship God.

*Please rise in body or spirit..

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** *Not My Brother, nor My Sister* #519
(Tune: NEED OF PRAYER)

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) (Pastor)

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 65

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible OT p. 583

Pew Bible NT p. 83

CHOIR ANTHEM

Give Me a Grateful Heart

Music by Joseph M. Martin

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma
and Joseph M. Martin.

SERMON *Othering the Other Sinners*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Arietta op. 12 no. 1*

Edvard Grieg

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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way
(Tune: ST. PETER C.M.)

Insert (v. 1-3)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

God Moves in a Mysterious Way
(Tune: ST. PETER C.M.)

Insert (v. 4)

POSTLUDE

To An Old White Pine op.62 no. 7

Edward MacDowell

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.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK - 10/26 David Hall

ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING TODAY after the worship service. The Trustees will present a preliminary budget for 2023.

PASTOR JASON will be away from October 24th through November 2nd. During that time, Rev. Laura Wade of Christ Lutheran Church and Rev. Mary Robles from the Broad St. United Methodist Church will both be available for emergency pastoral care. Their contact information is on an insert in the bulletin.

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.

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.

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!

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave - Budget Information Meeting

11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, Kitchen

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

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

6:00 p.m. Town & Country Garden Club, Founders' Rm.

7:00 p.m. Music Committee, Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Kitchen

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs

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

*The flowers are in celebration
of Buffy Mayo's 80th Birthday
from Mary and Pete Williams.*

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:

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

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**

Organist: **Anita Humer**

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

Sunday Sexton: **Elsbeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

Usher: To be determined

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 10/30

Usher:

Liturgists: Ericka Tyler, Katie Izzo

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

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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

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. - 12:30 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.