

*B*ut the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of  
the glory of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.

—Habakkuk 2:14



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 30, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Be Now My Vision*  
Cheri Oakley, flute

Tune: Slane  
Arranged by John Purifoy

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Ericka Tyler)

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**ALL: For God has done marvelous things.**

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**ALL: Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.**

ONE: For God is coming to judge the earth;

**ALL: God will judge the world with righteousness, the people with equity.**

ONE: Come, worship our God with song and prayer,

**ALL: And may we live into God's ways of love, justice, and mercy.**

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\*Please rise in body or spirit..

**Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.**

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## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Katie Izzo)**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Hope of the World*  
(Tune: WELWYN)

Insert

## ***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 98

Pew Bible OT p. 610

Luke 20:27-38

Pew Bible NT p. 86

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Believe*

words and music by Ervin Drake,

Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman

Leona Tyler, soloist

(\*UCC Music Lesson Scholarship recipient)

### **SERMON *Divine Gotcha***

## ***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**

*O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven*  
(Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS)

Insert (v. 1-3)

## **BENEDICTION**

#### **RESPONSE**

*O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven*  
(Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS)

Insert (v. 4)

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in D Minor*

J. S. Bach

#### **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:**

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

Liturgists: **Ericka Tyler, Katie Izzo**

Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**

Organist: **Jason Handy**

Soloists: **Leona Tyler, Cheri Oakley**

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

Sunday Sexton: **Elsbeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

**NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 11/6**

Usher:

Liturgist: Katie Izzo

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

**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**

10/30 Jill Mallozzi

11/2 Pat Flores

11/5 Bob Bartlett

**PASTOR JASON** is away through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 coordinating a virtual photo directory. 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.

**INSTALLATION** - On Sunday November 13 at 3:00 p.m., Pastor Jason Boyd will be installed as the settled pastor of our church. Rev. Ryan Henderson will be speaking. There will be special music by our Choir and Handbell Choir. A potluck supper will be served after the service. There will be a sign up sheet in the church office or call Cheri if you plan to attend the supper. Folks are invited to bring a dish to share such as a main course, side dish, bread and butter, or a dessert item. If you would like to help with setting up or cleaning up, contact Rose Laughlin.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave  
11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs  
3:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal, Zoom  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

### **MONDAY OCTOBER 31**

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, NOVEMBER 1**

#### **Church Office Closed Today**

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Kitchen  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

***Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set your clocks back one hour.***

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion, Nave  
*All Saints Day Observed*  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room  
11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs  
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](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2)

Past worship services can be viewed at

[www.uccnorwichny.org/worship](http://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

**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.