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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

November 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**All Saints Day Observed
Communion**

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River?* Ben Logan
Tune: HANSON PLACE by Robert Lowry

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

ALL: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

ALL: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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Prayer of Invocation: Morgan Bell, United Church of Canada

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ALL: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

ALL: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: May we truly become your people today.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** *For All the Saints* #299 (v. 1-2)
(Tune: SINE NOMINE)

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.

**COMMUNION OF AND WITH THE SAINTS
ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVANCE 2022**

LIFTING OUR VOICES

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
(Tune: UNION SEMINARY)

337 (v. 1)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE WITH THE SAINTS

ONE: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

ALL: We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages: to the saint of old who felt unworthy, to the seeker eager to know God, to the teenager who wonders what it's all about, to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

ONE: Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations. There is great joy here.

ALL: No one is turned away for God is the host!

PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS

ONE: God is in this place.

ALL: And in our hearts.

ONE: Open yourself to the nudging God.

ALL: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

ONE: Remember God made flesh.

ALL: Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Pause for silent reflection and prayer)

ONE: Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

ALL: Time and time again you've offered your grace. Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people. You have never left us. We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.

ONE: You are ever-patient, always faithful. We give thanks for this time of celebration. For the One this meal remembers. For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ALL: With those who have gone before us, whose hands touched the bread, whose lips embraced the cup, we worship you. We glorify you.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember those who have died in the past year. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. We remember those in this congregation we have lost:

Lillian Connine, Paul Flores, Linda Oehme

LIFTING OUR VOICES

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
(Tune: UNION SEMINARY)

337 (v. 2)

UNISON PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives. Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ. Now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE: Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ.

ALL: From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom.

ONE: We thank you for this time, this remembrance.

ALL: Increase our faith. Boldly!

ONE: Help us to love. Boldly!

ALL: Encourage us to act. Boldly!

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

ALL: Amen.

LIFTING OUR VOICES

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
(Tune: UNION SEMINARY)

337 (v. 3)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 119:137-144

Pew Bible OT p. 633

Luke 19: 1-10

Pew Bible NT p. 84

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lesbia Scott, 1929

Tune: GRANDE ISLE
by John H. Hopkins, 1940

SERMON - *The Saint in the Next Pew*

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 (Pastor)

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *For All the Saints* #299 (v. 3-4)
(Tune: SINE NOMINE)

BENEDICTION

ONE: The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you. You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

ALL: We are not too young or too old, we are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts we have been given.

ONE: So remember to pack peace in your toolbox, hope in your briefcase, love in your lunch box, and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

ALL: We will not be frightened, for we are never alone.

ONE: The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.

ALL: And we will walk with our God.

ONE: For the Saints of God and for all gifts of God, let the people say:

ALL: Amen!

RESPONSE *For All the Saints* #299 (v. 5)
(Tune: SINE NOMINE)

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* Douglas E. Wagner

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

October 11 Darcy Gates-Brewer
Terry Hagenbuch

NEXT SUNDAY - INSTALLATION AND POTLUCK - 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. **Please RSVP. There is 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. **Help to set up and clean up is also needed.** If you can help, talk to Rose Laughlin.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS - Pastor Jason has challenged us all to read *The First Christmas*, by noted Jesus scholars Marcus Bork and John Dominic Crossan. There will be discussion groups, but even if you choose not to participate, you can still read along with the congregation. The books are available in the church office. If you've already signed up, feel free to pick yours up today. Just be sure to mark the sheet that you have taken it. If you haven't signed up for one yet, please order one through the church office.

MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL CLUB invites you to a concert featuring **Members and Area Music Teachers on Monday, November 7**, 7:00 p.m. here in our Nave or Livestream at [facebook.com/mondayeveningmusicclub](https://www.facebook.com/mondayeveningmusicclub). Free and open to the public. *Free will donations accepted for the scholarship fund.*

THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please take a look at the insert in this bulletin and sign up to help with the Thanksgiving Boxes November 20, 21 or 22nd.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE PLACE - Order your wreaths and poinsettias and support the good work of The Place.

Fraser Fir Wreaths - 10" ring (25" tip to tip) - \$35.00

Red Poinsettias - in a 6" pot - \$15.00

Pick up dates are Nov. 25 through Dec. 16 at Pires Flower Basket, 216 N Broad St., Norwich. **YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS FROM NORMA KINNEY** at church or call her at 607-334-8911.

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 Bob Oehme or 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.

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/sermons

CALENDAR

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

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
- 3:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal, Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs
- 6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum Zoom

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Team Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Livestream Team Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.
- 3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Musical Club Members and Area Music Teachers Concert, Nave. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Monthly meeting, Founders' Rm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Veteran's Day

Staff Holiday

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
Stewardship Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs
- 3:00 p.m. Installation Service, Nave, followed potluck dinner
- 6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

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**

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 11/13

Usher:

Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler**

Flowers:

Coffee Hour: **No coffee hour.**

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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. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 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.