



*Alleluia!*



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

**United Church of Christ  
Norwich, New York**



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**April 9, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Joel Raney

Bob Oehme, organ  
Jason Handy, piano

**THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION**

**PASTOR:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**CONGREGATION:** Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

**MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

*Antiphonal Alleluia*

by G. Alan Smith

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

Attributions: Affirmation of Faith: Sister Joan Chittister

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Easter Invitation to Generosity: Rev. Michelle Torigian

Call to Worship: Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay

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## **GATHERING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Give thanks to our Good God whose unfailing love lasts forever!

**ALL: Give thanks to our Risen God whose unfailing love lives forever!**

ONE: We gather together in the dawn of a new day. We look toward the tomb to seek the Enfleshed Word.

**ALL: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

ONE: We find God alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces.

**ALL: Alleluia. Christ lives and finds us with unfailing love!**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #233  
(Tune: EASTER HYMN)

## **TIME OF SHARING**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(There is no Sunday School today. Children are welcome to remain in the service. Nursery is available upstairs for children up to age 5.)*

### **PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE**

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Peace* by Judy A. Rose

Peace be to you in all you do.

Peace be the way in all you say.

Peace be the light that shines so bright  
from your heart on the world this day.

Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.

Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.

### **EASTER INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

ONE: We are people of the Resurrection.

**ALL: We are God's people, profoundly grateful for the incredible gift of the resurrected Christ.**

ONE: We hear God's call to live into the Resurrection in all we do.

**ALL: God calls for us to give in a spirit of abundance.**

**ONE:** Through our gifts, we are able to reach many people outside of the church's walls.

**ALL: Through our treasures, our mission continues – even when the world slows down.**

**ONE:** With hearts of hope and openness, we pray together...

**ALL: Divine Tranquility, may we embrace your steadfast peace. Through your peace, may we confidently give our treasures, talent, and time in order for the work of the church to continue. Through your peace, may our congregation utilize these gifts wisely to reach a world filled with anxiety and uncertainty and to share your hope and love. Amen.**

*Offering plates are located at both Nave doors for your convenience.*

### ***WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD***

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible NT p. 119

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Mein Gläubiges Herze*  
Emma Bennett, soloist

J.S. Bach.

<b>Mein gläubiges Herze,</b>	<i>My faithful heart,</i>
<b>Frohlocke, sing, scherze,</b>	<i>Rejoice, sing, be merry,</i>
<b>Dein Jesus ist da!</b>	<i>Your Jesus is here!</i>
<b>Weg Jammer, weg Klagen,</b>	<i>Away with sorrow,</i>
	<i>away with lamentation</i>
<b>Ich will euch nur sagen:</b>	<i>I shall just say to you :</i>
<b>Mein Jesus ist nah.</b>	<i>My Jesus is close.</i>

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible NT p. 134

**SERMON** *I Have Seen The Lord*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**INTERLUDE** *Panis Angelicus*  
Alexander Bonner, soloist

by Cesar Franck

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	May the Bread of Angels
<i>Fit panis hominum</i>	Become bread for mankind;
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	The Bread of Heaven puts
<i>Figuris terminum</i>	All foreshadowings to an end;
<i>O res mirabilis</i>	Oh, thing miraculous!
<i>Manducat dominum</i>	The body of the Lord will nourish
<i>Pauper, pauper</i>	the poor, the poor,
<i>Servus et humilis</i>	the servile, and the humble.

### **EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ONE: We are Easter people. We are people of the Resurrection.

**ALL: In Easter we see the transformation of the Jesus who rises from the dead in Jerusalem to the Jesus who rises in us.**

ONE: The Resurrection of Jesus is about coming to grips with the transformed and transforming presence of Christ then, now, and always.

**ALL: Once that happens, our lives are never again the same. Our lives begin anew.**

ONE: The Resurrection goes on and on and on forever.

**ALL: Every time Jesus rises in our own hearts in new ways, the Resurrection happens again.**

ONE: Every time we see Jesus where we did not recognize him before—in the faces of the poor, in the love of the unloved, in the revelatory moments of life, Jesus rises anew.

**ALL: Once the Christ-life rises in us, we rise to new life as well. Christ is risen; we are risen.**

### **SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

##### **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.

## COMMISSION AND BLESSING

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *The Strife Is O'er*  
(Tune: VICTORY)

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## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* David Lasky  
(Tune: DIADEMATA)]

## *Easter Memorials*

*We remember those who have died since Easter 2022:  
Virginia Chaplin, John Cobb, Evelyn Boyles,  
Linda Oehme, Irene Sobers, Ruth Tucker*

In memory of  
**William R. and Doris G. Noel**  
**and Gary N., Sr. and Elizabeth R. Gray**  
from Vicki and Gary Gray

A memorial gift  
from Michael and Donna Moren

In memory of  
**Linda Oehme**  
from Mary and Pete Williams

In honor of  
**his wife Ruth L. Tucker**  
**and his parents Hubert A. Tucker**  
**and Esther Marie Prindle**  
 from Edwin Tucker

In memory of  
**Ruth Tucker**  
from Rose Laughlin

## **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 welcome in the entire the service or can leave with the Sunday School children – whatever works best for your family.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO Jamie and Matt Maholchic for the loss of Jamie's mother, Evelyn Boyles who has passed away.**

**PASTOR JASON** will be away from Norwich from after worship on Sunday, April 23 until the evening of Thursday, May 4. During that time, Rev. Laura Wade of Christ Lutheran Church on North Broad Street will be available for emergency pastoral care; she can be reached by email at [acl2876@outlook.com](mailto:acl2876@outlook.com), or by phone at 607-227-1901.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED on Monday, April 10th.**

**LAST WEEK OF THE LENTEN BOOK STUDY** of *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* on Tuesday at April 11 at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday April 13 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom .

**MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL CLUB** presents the **Realtime Dixieland Band in our Nave on Saturday, April 15** at 7:00 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received to benefit the music scholarship fund.

**HOLY HUMOR "SOUPER" SUNDAY LUNCHEON - APRIL 23** after the service. Sign up in the church office to bring your favorite soup, bread or dessert. The church will supply table service and beverages.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** for high school seniors and college students are available on the church website ([www.uccnorwichny.org](http://www.uccnorwichny.org)) under the LINKS tab. The deadline is April 15.

**WE ARE STILL WORKING** to provide a safe and clean environment for worship and other activities. You can read our full COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS posted on the bulletin board and online. There is a button on our homepage: [www.uccnorwichny.org](http://www.uccnorwichny.org). Or use this direct link [https://www.uccnorwichny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Covid-Protocols-04\\_01\\_22.pdf](https://www.uccnorwichny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Covid-Protocols-04_01_22.pdf)

**January 8, 2023**

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

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

**Liturgist:** Ericka Tyler

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** Jason Handy

**Organist Emeritus:** Robert Oehme

**Director of Children and Youth Ministries:** Ericka Tyler

**Soloists:** Emma Bennett, Alexander Bonner,

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

**Sunday Sexton:** Elspeth Hunter

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Usher:** Elizabeth Barber-Breese

**NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 4/16**

**Usher:** Rose Laughlin

**Liturgist:** Miranda Hunter

**Flowers:** Jane Prime

**Coffee Hour:** Deacons

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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 AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:** Ericka Tyler

**PARISH COORDINATOR:** Cheri Oakley

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT:** Jennifer Mallozzi

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**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - Easter Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave  
No Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

### **MONDAY, APRIL 10**

8:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders' Rm.  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Mayflower Room  
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

8:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders' Rm.  
1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Mayflower Room  
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group on Zoom. (See announcements.)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Founders' Room  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Home Bureau Dinner, Founders Rm., Kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Founders Room  
2:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group, (see announcements) on Zoom

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - Good Friday**

8:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders' Rm.  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, on Zoom  
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

7:00 p.m. Realtime Dixieland Band, Nave. Free and open to the public.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave  
Sunday School K-8  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room  
11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom