



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

April 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Benton Price

WELCOME

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

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather as people on a journey.

ALL: We believe and we have doubts, we do good and we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

ONE: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

ALL: We seek forgiveness and grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

ONE: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Call to Worship Attribution: Rev. Tim Graves;

Prayer of Invocation Attribution: Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Affirmation of Faith Attribution: Sister Joan Chittister

Invitation to Generosity Attribution: Rev. Michelle Torigian

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ALL: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

ONE: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

ALL: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions.

ONE: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN**

Yours Is The Glory, Resurrected One
(Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS)

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TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Allie Rehn, cello words and music by Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend

Children in grades K-8 are excused to go upstairs to Sunday School at this time.

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.

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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 READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9

Pew Bible p. 250

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible p. 119

SERMON *Thomas Comes to Church: A Gen X Story*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE

AFFIRMING OUR 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 Day of Resurrection* #245
(Tune: LANCASHIRE)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Easter Alleluias!* David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE IS NO NURSERY AVAILABLE TODAY. Children are welcome to stay in the Nave throughout the service. Children in grades K-8 can go to Sunday School upstairs after the choir anthem.

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, or by phone at 607-227-1901.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED on Monday, April 17th.

HOLY HUMOR “SOUPER” SUNDAY LUNCHEON - NEXT WEEK, 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.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE is holding their annual Spring Plant sale. There are many plants to choose from. See the bulletin board for a brochure with details and an order form. Deadline to order is May 3rd.

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>.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - Church Office Closed

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
6:00 p.m. M. Williams Rehearsal, Founders' Room and Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders' Rm.
1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Mayflower Room
3:30 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons, Nave

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Founders' Room
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
6:00 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders' Rm.
6:30 p.m. Scholarship Committee, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Episcopal Church Soul Kitchen free hot meal
6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Zoom

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Holy Humor Sunday Worship, Nave
(Sunday School K-8)
11:00 a.m. "Souper" Potluck Luncheon - See announcements.
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

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*The flowers are in honor of Margaret Hust
from Jane, Ann and John.*

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Organist: Jason Handy

Soloist: Allison Rehn

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Usher: Rose Laughlin

Coffee Hour: Deacons

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 4/23

Usher: Miranda Hunter

Liturgist: Ed Tucker

Flowers: Norma Kinney

No Coffee Hour: "Souper" luncheon: Rose Laughlin, Norma Kinney

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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.