



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



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**May 14, 2023**

**10:00 a.m**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in C Major, BWV 846*

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O Divine Voice,

**ALL: You sing and the universe comes into being;**

ONE: O Divine Breath,

**ALL: You breathe and all things spring to life;**

ONE: O Divine Word,

**ALL: You call and creation is sustained;**

ONE: O Divine Flesh,

**ALL: You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed  
in creation;**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

Call to Worship: Third Space, UK

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Katie Cook

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ONE: O Divine Spirit,  
**ALL: You fill all that has been formed;**  
ONE: O Divine Life,  
**ALL: You are the pulse of all that is.**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Creator Spirit, Come, We Pray*  
(Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.)

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## ***TIME OF SHARING***

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Children are invited to stay in the front pew during the anthem.)*

**ANTHEM** *If You Love Me* by Natalie Sleeth

*(Children in K-8 grades are excused to go upstairs to Sunday School at tis 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.  
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 S**

Psalm 66:8-20  
John 14:15-21

Pew Bible OT p. 584  
Pew Bible NT p. 113

**SERMON** *Orphaned*

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

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### **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**      *Abide With Me*      #99  
(Tune: EVENTIDE)

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata on "Darwall"*      Dennis R. Johnson

## **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.

**THERE IS A NEW DISPLAY** in the Memorial Cabinet in the hallway outside the church office. Take a look and you'll see how different our church building used to look.

**THE DOOR LOCKS** are changing to a key fob system. Those people with keys to the building will need to pick up a new key fob from Cheri Oakley, Parish Coordinator. Cheri will be contacting you when the date of the change-over is more firm, but if you have a key and haven't heard from her, please feel free to contact her at the office at 607-334-3434 or [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org).

**LAUNDRY LOVE** will be at the Byrne Dairy laundromat on Wednesday, May 16 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to help with the cost of doing laundry. No income requirement. Last load in by 5:30 p.m. More details can be found in the May newsletter.

**IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME** - If you are responsible for one of the following, please get your report to the church office by May 31st.

- Executive Council
- Nominating Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Memorial Gifts Committee
- Board of Deacons
- Historian (received)
- Director of Youth & Children's Ministries
- Knitting Group

Copies of last year's reports are available from Cheri Oakley, Parish Coordinator. Email her at [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org) or call 607-334-3434 and leave a message.

**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)>.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 14**

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 15**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
10:00 a.m. UCC Knitting Group, Kitchen  
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room  
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

### **TUESDAY, MAY 16**

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen  
3:30 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons, Nave

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
4:00 p.m. Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy  
6:10 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders' Rm.  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **THURSDAY, MAY 18**

4:00 p.m. J. Handy piano students rehearsal, Nave  
5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Soul Kitchen Free Takeout meal,  
            37 W. Main St.  
6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away night at the Norwich YMCA.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 12**

7:00 p.m. J. Handy Students Recital, Nave/Mayflower Rm.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 21**

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



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**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

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

**Liturgist:** Gary Gray

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** Jason Handy

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

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

**Sunday Sexton:** Elspeth Hunter

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Usher:** Elizabeth Barber-Breese

***The flowers are in celebration of Mothers' Day and  
Gary and Vicki Gray's 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on May 7.***

**NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 5/21**

**Usher:** Jane Prime

**Liturgist:** John Kolb

**Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:**

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**PASTOR AND TEACHER:** Rev. Jason Boyd

**MODERATOR:** John Kolb

**CHAIR OF DEACONS:** Mary Williams

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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.