



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

June 4, 2023, 2023

10:00 a.m

**Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost**

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Prelude No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

MANY: Amen.

ONE: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**MANY: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with
God and the Word was God.**

ONE: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of
the waters.

**MANY: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind
in our image."**

ONE: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in
community.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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MANY: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

ONE: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise With Joy the World's Creator* #273
[Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)]

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE COME TO THE TABLE

ONE: As grain that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made into one loaf, so too, we, scattered at tables in our own homes, are bound together around Christ's table and become one.

MANY: As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed into wine, so too are we drawn together and pressed by our times to share a common lot and are transformed into Christ's self-giving love for all.

ONE: God be with you.

MANY: And with your spirit.

ONE: Lift up your hearts

MANY: We them up to God.

ONE: Give thanks to God, Blessed Trinity

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: And let us pray together:

ALL: Praise to you Divine Creator. Thank you for the gift of life, the beauty of nature, and your steadfast loving kindness. Praise to you Divine Redeemer. Thank you for sharing our human existence, from birth through death to everlasting life you have shown us a way worth emulating, bringing healing and hope to those most in need. Praise to you Divine Sustainer. Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate, a calm in the midst of storm, the strength to build an ever-expanding community and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ, and pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might be taken, blessed, broken and distributed so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the beauty of creation, the gift of life and your presence with each of us, we give you thanks. Work through us so that we might be channels of your mission in the world,

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are welcome to stay in the front pew during the choir anthem.)

ANTHEM *Great Is Your Name*

by Carl Freeman

(Children in K-8 are excused to go to Sunday School upstairs 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.

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

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

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible OT p. 1

Pew Bible NT p. 34

REFLECTION *Mandatory Cookies*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Arietta in A*

Franz Joseph Haydn

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

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

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** *Holy, Holy, Holy* # 277
(Tune: NICAEA)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sarabande* George Frederic Handel

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30pm & Fridays at 1:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - Trinity Sunday

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship/Communion, Nave - Sunday School K-8
11:30am Bell Choir, upstairs
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

MONDAY, JUNE 5

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

1:00PM Piecemakers Meeting, Founders Room
7:00pm Hospice Service of Remembrance. See announcements.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship - Pride Sunday, Nave -
Last Day for Sunday School K-8
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:30am Bell Choir, upstairs
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00am. The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the building.

CALL TO THE 209th JUNE ANNUAL MEETING - June 18th following the worship service in the Founders Room. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the 2023-24 Board Members and Officers.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE Service of Remembrance - Candle-lighting ceremony honoring the lives of those who have recently passed. June 8 at 7:00pm. The service will be held at The Hospice Office 33-39 Court Street, Norwich NY for more information call (607) 334-3556

BABYSITTING COURSE - Do you know someone who is 11-16 and is interested in babysitting? The Place will be offering **American Red Cross Babysitter Training course**. The two-session class will be held on

June 4, 2023

June 10 (9am-3pm) & June 17 (9am-2pm). This class is **FREE** to Chenango County youth and is made possible through the generous contribution of an anonymous donor. For additional information or to preregister, please contact The Place at 607-336-9696.

THE DOOR LOCKS are changing to a key fob system. If you currently have a key, you will be contacted when it is time to pick up a new key fob.

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.

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd

Liturgist: Ed Tucker

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Pianist: Anita Humer

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Usher: Gary Gray

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 6/11

Usher:

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(Closed daily for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am- 3:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am- 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm