



Thanks
be to **God**
through
Jesus Christ
our
LORD!



Romans 7:25

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

July 9, 2023

10:00 a.m

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lani Smith

Tune: GRAND ISLE

by John H. Hopkins, Jr.

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying
burdens so heavy...

ALL: Jesus will give us rest.

ONE: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love,
forgiveness, and grace...

ALL: Christ will give us peace.

ONE: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus...

ALL: For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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ONE: Come, let us worship our God...

ALL: Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN**

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
(Tune: EVAN)

489 (vv. 1-4)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. By Mark Hayes

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

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 2:18-23

Pew Bible OT p. 2

Romans 7:15-25a

Pew Bible NT p. 164

REFLECTION *Bone of My Bone*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Chorale: Rejoice Thyself, O My Soul*
Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551

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** *O For A World* # 575
(Tune: AZMON)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March Romaine* Charles F. Gounod

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PASTOR JASON IS AWAY FOR SUMMER VACATION until July 25. During that time, Rev. Mary Rublee from Broad Street United Methodist Church will be available for emergency pastoral care. Her contact information is available in the church office and the July newsletter.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP for grades 7-12 Sundays, July 9 through August 27, 12:00pm - 1:30pm. This will be a mostly unstructured time where students can come to relax and unwind, play some games, have snacks (and maybe pizza!), and spend time hanging with their friends in a safe and welcoming environment.

THE NORWICH COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP, *Holy Ever After*, will be held Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Christ Lutheran Church. Fun, games and learning are planned. Dinner provided.

OUR KINDRED IN CHRIST AT BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH have invited us to volunteer to be part of their monthly community meals which they serve to whomever needs them, free of charge. If you would like more information about participating, please leave your name on the sign up sheet in the office.

WE'RE GOING TO PRIDE! Our church is a sponsor of the first ever Chenango County Pride Festival, which will be held from 12:00pm to 6:00pm on August 26, 2023 at Boname Park in Oxford. We are listed on the sponsor materials, and we will have a booth at the event. Would you like to participate? Please leave your name on the signup sheet in the office, and more information will be provided to you when it becomes available. Thanks!

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 on our website.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, JULY 9

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship, Nave - Rev. Gary Smith,
Racial Justice Coordinator, UCCNY Conference
11:00am Coffee Hour
12:00pm Youth Group (grades 7-12), upstairs
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

MONDAY, JULY 10

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

TUESDAY, JULY 11

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
11:00am Free hotdog lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THURSDAY, JULY 13

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers monthly meeting, Founders Room

FRIDAY, JULY 14

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SUNDAY, JULY 16

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship, Nave
11:00am Coffee Hour
12:00pm Youth Group (grades 7-12), upstairs
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

July 9, 2023

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gary Smith, Racial Justice Coordinator,
UCCNY Conference

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: Robert Oehme

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 7/16

Usher:

Liturgists: Mary Williams, Gary Gray

Flowers: Norma Kinney

Coffee Hour:

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PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.