



"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

August 13, 2023

10:00 a.m

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Turn your hearts to God, and know God's peace.

ALL: Turn your minds to God, and know God's wisdom.

ONE: Turn your lives to God, and live into righteousness.

**ALL: For the love of God is written in our hearts, and we
know the way God has intended for us.**

ONE: Come, let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Call to Worship: Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell;

Prayer of Invocation: My Redeemer Lives blog

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***OPENING HYMN**

Dear God, Embracing Humankind
(Tune: REST)

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TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *Perfectly Loved*

Ericka Tyler, soloist by TobyMac and Rachael Lampa

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

Romans 10:5-15

Pew Bible NT p.167

Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible NT p. 16

REFLECTION *Take Heart*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE

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**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
(Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
11:00am Free hotdog lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
4:00pm Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy laundromat, Norwich
6:10pm Democratic Committee, Founders Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

6:00pm Helping Hands Giveaway at Norwich YMCA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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.

JOIN THE DRUM CIRCLE on August 26 with Elizabeth Orleski of Drumzzzone in the Rec Room at the Guernsey Memorial Library.

10:30-11:00 a.m. – kids 12 and under

11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. – teenagers and above

This will be a fun, musical experience for anyone who wants to participate! This event is sponsored by our church and it's FREE!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP for grades 7-12 Sundays, will continue to meet 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.

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.

THE PLACE is holding A BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE. Drop off your donations at The Place August 1 - 15. Give away will begin after August 22nd. Needed items include: spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, dividers, pocket folders, pencil case, pencils/pens, scissors, glue sticks, 12-in. rulers, backpacks, highlighters, washable markers/colored pencils, 1"-3" binders, 24-count crayons, cap erasers. Details at: www.theplacenorwich.com or call 607-336-9696.

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.

August 13, 2023

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: Jason Handy

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Chris McSweeney

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS 8/20

Usher:

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

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CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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