



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor, Andante

by Maurice Greene

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

ALL: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

ONE: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

ALL: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

ONE: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Call to Worship by Rev. Thom Shuman

Prayer of Invocation by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

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**ALL: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith,
with love!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** *This Is The Day* #84
(Tune: THIS IS THE DAY)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *Gratitude* by Alex Guebert

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 the song that we will sing.

Peace be the joy, our spirits ring.

Peace be the love that sets us free,
peace for all, peace for you and me.

Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Peace live in you in all you do.

Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Peace live in 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

Psalm 90:1-12
Luke 14:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 605
Pew Bible NT p. 78

REFLECTION *A Just World for All*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Father, We Thank Thee For the Night*
by Grietje Terburg Rowley

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** *God of Grace and God of Glory #436*
 (Tune: CWM RHONDDA)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prayer of Thanksgiving* by Anon,
 The Netherlands ca 1625

*Flowers This Week
To Happy Anniversaries!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for children up to age 5, upstairs at the front of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades K-8 is held upstairs after the choir anthem.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

DEADLINE FOR December newsletter is 8:00 a.m. on November 27.

NEXT SATURDAY WE DECK THE HALLS - November 25 at 10:00 a.m. the Deacons invite you to come and help to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Sign up in the church office or talk to Rose Laughlin.

ADVENT STUDY - We are gathering together with our kindred in Christ from Broad Street United Methodist Church and Christ Lutheran Church for a shared study of the names of Christ used by the Gospel writers. Our book will be *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by biblical scholar Adam Hamilton as he examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers.

Our gatherings will be on four consecutive Wednesdays (11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20) at Broad Street United Methodist Church, 74 North Broad Street. Fellowship time with a soup lunch will be at 11:30am, with study to follow from 12-1pm. To get a book, contact Cheri in the church office.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00am Nursery, upstairs

10:00am Worship, Nave

Sunday School for K-8 - after the Children's Moment

11:00am Fellowship Hour, Founders Room

3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Nave

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

1 - 4 pm Thanksgiving Give-away, Founders Room

3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room

7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Founders Room, Zoom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9 - 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Give-away, Founders Room

5:00pm Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

12:00pm Free meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. One seating

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00am Decorating the Church with the Deacons

4:00pm Free 2B Me Youth Group for grades 5-12, upstairs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00am Nursery, upstairs

10:00am Worship, Nave

Sunday School for K-8 - after the Children's Moment

11:00am Fellowship Hour, Founders Room

3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Nave

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TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd

Sharing the Word: Rev. Ryan Henderson

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Hand Bell Choir: Megan Carpenter, Lilit Danielyan,
Hannah DeBates, Maxine Gage, Alyssa Jutting, John Kolb,
Bob Oehme, Amy Rogers, Destinie (DJ) Smith, Ericka Tyler,
Pete Williams. Mary Williams-Director

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Chris McSweeney, Jennifer Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Fellowship Hour: Pat Burke

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 11/26

Usher:

Liturgist: Michael Moren

Flowers: Norma Kinney

Coffee Hour:

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Temporarily by appointment only.

