



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m

Easter Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

by Johann Sebastian Bach

THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

PASTOR: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Alleluia

music by Jacques Berthier, 1978

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Give thanks to our Good God whose unfailing love lasts forever!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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ALL: Give thanks to our Risen God whose unfailing love lives forever!

ONE: We gather together in the dawn of a new day. We look toward the tomb to seek the Enfleshed Word.

ALL: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!

ONE: We find God alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces.

ALL: Alleluia. Christ lives and finds us with unfailing love!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #233
(Tune: EASTER HYMN)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

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.

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Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday School at this time.

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. Give online at www.uccnoriwchny.org/give

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible NT p. 119

HYMN *In the Garden*
(Tune: GARDEN)

#237

SERMON *Searching for the Living*

Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible NT p. 91

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM *Resurrection Victory*

Averie Fink, trumpet

Words by Cecil F. Alexander
and Godefrey Thring

Music by Lloyd Larson incorporating
Diademata by George J. Elvey

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – Easter Sunday

9:00am Nursery
10:00am Celebration of the Resurrection – Rev. James K. Boodley sharing the Word, Sunday School

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Church Office Closed

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm./Kitchen
10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
10:00am Knitting Group, Mayflower Room
3:00pm Tai Chi, Mayflower Rm.
7:00pm Executive Council, Founders Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room/Kitchen
10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room/Kitchen

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:00am Nursery
10:00am Worship, Communion, Dedication of Sunday School Room and Sound Booth
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY for children up to age 5 is available upstairs at the front of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades 3 - 8 takes place after the Children's Moment.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, April 1st for the Easter holiday.

SAVE THE DATE - Monday Evening Musical Club presents guest soloists Dr. Kevin Moore, piano and Dr. David Rudari, baritone on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. Free and open to the public.

THE EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH is looking for volunteers to help make bag lunches to be given out at the Food Pantry. Details are in the April Newsletter or contact Cheri in the church office. - 607-334-3434.

Easter Dedications

We remember those who have died since Easter 2023:

Henry Carpenter

Julie Gonzalez

Gary Gray

Vicki Gray

Clara Horten

Albert Nassar

Easter Memorial given in memory of
Paul J. Sternberg and our daughter,
Amanda Butler Sternberg
from Pat Sternberg

Live plant given in memory of
The Obenauer Family

March 31, 2024

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Sharing the Word: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Mary Williams

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Soloist: Averie Fink, trumpet

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: No coffee hour today.

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MINISTERS: All the People

MODERATOR: Pete Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: Ericka Tyler

PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

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

