

They devoted themselves to ...  
**the breaking of bread**  
and the **prayers.**

ACTS 2:42, NRSV



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



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**April 7, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Easter, Communion**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

*Ave Verum Corpus Opus 45, No. 6* by Marcel Dupre

**WELCOME**

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to the person next to you.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP.**

**ONE:** Jesus asked Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me?"

**ALL:** **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."**

**ONE:** Christ is risen!

**ALL:** **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**O unseen yet ever-present God, we come to you in awe and wonder. Though we cannot see you, we are surrounded by your presence: in a perfectly formed springtime flower, in the laughter of a friend, in the glance of a stranger. Give us spiritual eyesight and insight so that we may see you at work in the world around us. Like Thomas, may we proclaim with our newfound sight, “My Lord and my God!” In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* #230 (vv. 1-3)  
(Tune: ST. KEVIN)

## ***TIME OF SHARING***

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ericka Tyler

## **DEDICATION OF THE LIVESTREAM BOOTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM**

**HYMN** *In All Our Living* #499  
(Tune: PUES SI VIVIMOS)

## **BLESSING OF PEACE**

**PASTOR:** 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.

*Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you: hug, wave, fist bump, handshake.*

## **EASTER INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**ALL:** How grateful we are, O God, for all the gifts of this life. You have blessed us with abundance, not only fulfilling our needs, but exceeding them. May our giving today reflect your generosity, and may it be used to further your work, both in this community of faith and throughout your creation. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

*Offering plates are located at both doors or give online at  
[www.uccnorwichny.org/give](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/give)*

**HYMN** *These Things Did Thomas Count* insert  
(Tune: TALLIS' CANON)

## **SERMON:**

*Through Locked Doors* Rev. James K. Boodley  
**Scripture:** John 20:19-31 & 14:15-15:17  
(Pew Bible NT p. 119)

## **ANTHEM**

*We Live by Faith and Not by Sight* Henry Alford, 1844  
Tune DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harmony Richard Proulx, 1986

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 (Pew Bible NT p. 30)

## **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** *The Day of Resurrection* #245  
(Tune: LANCASHIRE)

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*March from Sixty Short Pieces* by Flor Peeters



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY** - There is no nursery today. As always, children of every age are welcome in the Nave throughout the service. There are crayons and coloring books available at the back if you would like.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** for the sole purpose of voting on the updated By-Laws. The proposed updated version addresses the details of moving from the current leadership structure of having a Board of Deacons, a Board of Trustees, and an Executive Council to a single leadership body which will retain the title of Executive Council.

Copies of the current By-Laws as well as the proposed By-Laws are available at the back of the Nave for you to take and review. For clarity, a summary list of changes and modifications are attached.

Please refer any questions to any current Executive Council member and as always Pete Williams will be available to answer questions and help with any clarifications as necessary.

**FREE CONCERT** - Monday Evening Musical Club presents guest soloists Dr. Kevin Moore, piano and Dr. David Rudari, baritone tomorrow, 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.

**BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STEEPLE/ROOF FUNDRAISER** Join us on April 27, 2024, from 11 am to 6 pm at the YMCA/Church (74 North broad St) parking lot for our fish fry event. You can call ahead for same-day pick-up at 607-423-5996. The more fish we sell, the more money we raise for our steeple/roof restoration! We advise you not to arrive too late as some items might sell out. You can choose from a variety of options such as a Fish Sandwich or Fish Dinner, Fried Shrimp or Fried Shrimp Dinner, or Scallops or Scallop Dinner. All dinners come with Fries and Cole Slaw, while individual sides include Fries, Onion Rings, and Cole Slaw. Please note that all items are fried in 100% Peanut Oil, prices include tax, and credit cards are accepted. Prices for each item will be reasonable and will be posted on the day of the event.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **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

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

- 9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm./Kitchen
- 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 3:00pm Tai Chi, Mayflower Rm.
- 7:00pm Monday Evening Musical Club - free concert in the Nave. Open to the public. Donations accepted to support the scholarship fund.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

- 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 5:00pm Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Room

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

- 1:00pm Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders/  
Kitchen

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

- 9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room/  
Kitchen
- 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

- 9:00am Nursery
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

**April 7, 2024**

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

**Pastor:** Rev. James K. Boodley

**Liturgist:** Michael Moren

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** David Burch

**Director of Children and Youth Ministries:** Ericka Tyler

**Live Stream:** Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough,

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Burke

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**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.

