



I leave with you;

My *P* **Peace**  
I give you.



John 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**

**April 14, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Rest*

by Greg Nelson  
arranged by Gret Howlett

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Alleluia!

**ALL: I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.**

ONE: Great are God's deeds!

**ALL: They are celebrated by all who delight in them.**

ONE: These marvelous works are to be remembered.

**ALL: God is gracious and full of compassion. Thanks  
be to God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.**

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Dearest Lord, you assured your disciples that you would not leave them orphaned, but would abide with them forever in the Holy Spirit. Stir in us the spirit of truth, the spirit of compassion, and the spirit of love to seek peace and justice in our homes and communities, in our nation, and in the world. Send to us, dearest Lord, your Holy Spirit to be our advocate when we most need you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come Teach Us Spirit of our God*  
(Tune: WINCHESTER OLD C.M.)

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## ***TIME OF SHARING***

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ericka Tyler

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Near the Cross* by William H. Doane  
arranged by Lani Smith  
Dave Burch and Bob Oehme, 4-hand piano

### **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.

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*Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you: hug, wave, fist bump, handshake. Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.*

## **EASTER INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**O God of gifts and blessings, we ask you to accept the offerings we present to you this day. They are signs of our faith and a pledge that we are ready to be chosen and used in your service. Open our eyes to see the wonder of your creation, to preserve it, and to hand it on to future generations, enriched by your love and care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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[www.uccnorwichny.org/give](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/give)*

**HYMN** *Let It Breathe On Me* #288  
(Tune: LET IT BREATHE)

**SERMON:** *We're All Students of Jesus & the Holy Spirit*  
Rev. James K. Boodley

### **Scripture:**

Matthew 23:1-12

Pew Bible NT p. 26

John 14:15-27

Pew Bible NT p. 113

Matthew 13:34-35

Pew Bible NT p.15

## **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** *We Would Be Building* #607  
(Tune: FINLANDIA)

## **BENEDICTION**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY** is available for children up to age 5 upstairs beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**THE FREE 2B ME YOUTH GROUP** for students in grades 5-12 has a new meeting time - **Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** They meet upstairs in the Christian Ed room for music, games, snacks and conversation in a safe environment where everyone is free to be whoever God made them to be.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** A special congregational meeting will be **held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> following the worship service** for the sole purpose of voting on the updated By-Laws. (Zoom link available for those unable to attend in person.) 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.

**THE SUSQUEHANNA ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, April 28**; 2:00 p.m. (registration & fellowship), 3:00 p.m. (meeting) at the Maine Federated Church, 2615 Main St., Maine, NY. **Please RSVP Sue Frost, Association Registrar, before April 23:** [registrarsany@gmail.com](mailto:registrarsany@gmail.com)

**THE UCCNY CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Holiday Inn, **Binghamton**. Our church is allowed to send two delegates. Any covenant member is eligible and with the meeting location so close to Norwich, it is very convenient to attend this year. This is a good

opportunity to witness the workings of the conference and be a part of voting and the decision making process. It is also a good opportunity to meet people from the conference and other local area churches. If you have any desire to attend or would like additional information on this event, please contact Pete or Mary Williams (last year's attendees) or the church office and we can get you additional information.

**Registration deadline for this event is May 10, 2024.**

**SPAGHETTI PIE SUPPER** - you are invited by the Christ Lutheran Church (94 N. Broad St.) to enjoy salad, bread, spaghetti pie, meatballs and sherbet on **Saturday, April 20** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted to benefit Aunt Mary's House and operating costs.

**DOUG'S FISH FRY FUNDRAISER to benefit the Broad St. United Methodist Church Steeple/Roof project**, April 27, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA/Church (74 North Broad St) parking lot. Call ahead for same-day pick-up at 607-423-5996. A variety of options are available - Fish Sandwich, Fried Shrimp or Scallops. 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.

**PIANO RECITAL FEATURING ANITA HUMER AND MATT NAKOA**, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Broad St. United Methodist Church, 74 N Broad St. This concert is being offered in appreciation for the donation of a baby grand piano by Phillis and Daryl Forsythe. Free admission.

**EXPLORE CHENANGO OUTDOOR CHALLENGE** - Walk or hike 10 of the 14 locations with your family, in a group or on your own. Submit your completed trail log by 9/3 to receive a free bumper sticker and be entered into a raffle for more prizes. You could win a Yeti Water Jug, Hydro Hydration Hip Pack, Hydro Flask Water Bottle or a Backpack Cooler Bag. A kick off event is being held on Saturday April 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Rogers Environmental Learning Center. A hiking list is available at this event, at the church office, or at Chenango Co. Public Health.

**CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCIES** - Wednesday April 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the Guernsey Memorial Library.

**A HEPATITIS C PRESENTATION** will be held on April 29 at 6:00 p.m. at 5 Court St. in Norwich. Snacks and free swag will be provided. Hepatitis C (HCV) is a disease that is caused by a virus that affects the liver. HCV can cause serious liver damage if it is in the body for a long time. Most people with HCV do not have symptoms. Call 607-762-2810 with questions.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

9:00am Nursery  
10:00am Worship, Nave  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

### **MONDAY, APRIL 15 - Tax Day**

9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders Room  
10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen or Mayflower Rm.  
3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room  
5:00 p.m. Scholarship Committee Meeting, Zoom

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom  
4:00 p.m. Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy, East Main St. For details, contact the church office.  
6:10 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders Rm.  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

5:00 p.m. Soul Kitchen Free Hot Meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 37 W Main St.  
6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at YMCA, N Broad St.

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

11:00 a.m. Explore Chenango Outdoor Challenge Kick-Off Event at Rogers Environmental Center. See announcements.  
4:30 p.m. Spaghetti Pie Supper at Christ Lutheran. See announcements.

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**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

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

**Liturgist:** Elinor Beebe

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** David Burch

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

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

**Sunday Sexton:** Mya Yantz

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Burke

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**PASTOR:** Rev. James K. Boodley

**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.

