

YOU ARE LOVED.

YOU ARE SEEN.

YOU ARE SAFE HERE.

YOU ARE NEEDED.

YOU ARE UNIQUE.

YOU ARE ENOUGH

YOU ARE YOU.

YOU ARE VALID.

YOU ARE HEARD.

YOU MATTER.

YOU ARE BELOVED BY GOD.

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church since 2020

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Pride Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Perfectly Loved*

Words and Music by Andrew Ripp,
Ethan Hulse, and Rachael Lampa

Erika Tyler, soloist

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: From the farthest reaches of our separate lives, we gather,
O Lord.

ALL: **We come before you with our struggles and questions,
our doubts and certainties, our joys and sorrows.**

ONE: And even before we speak, sing, move, or sit in silence,
God is here, with us.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Let us now gather together in
worship. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of all generations, we give thanks that you are the sure
foundation of our lives, who abides with us in every age. You
are goodness; your mercies never end. You are compassion;**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

your love will never fail. You are our hope, for now and ever more. For all these things, O Lord, we exalt you in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *God Reigns o'er All the Earth* Insert

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ericka Tyler

BLESSING OF PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Insert

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

With hope in the power of generosity to serve the needs of a broken world, O God, we now share these gifts. Bless them, we pray; multiply them and cast them into your world that they might sow seeds of love, compassion, and justice throughout your realm. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering plates are located at both doors or give online at www.uccnorwichny.org/give

ANTHEM *In The House of God* Words by Pamela Martin
Music by Craig Courtney.

SERMON: *Loving All of the Flowers in God's Garden*
Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture: 1 John 4:20-21 Pew Bible NT p. 261

INTERLUDE *Skin and Bones* By Morgan St. Jean

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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

In the Midst of New Dimensions

#391 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Tocatta in C*

By Jose Antonio Carlos De Seixas
Edited by Charles Callahan



PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Readers: Elinor Beebe, Miranda Hunter

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Soloist: Ericka Tyler

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke

Musicians at Coffee Hour (recipients of Music Lessons Scholarships):

Jay Conant, Neil Conant, Kyle Conant, Maggie Williams,

Danny Williams, Teddy Williams

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

(closed 12- 1p.m.)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY is available for children up to age 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. Located up the stairs at the front of the church.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL until September. Children in grades 3 - 8 are welcome to go upstairs for Sunday School at the time of the Passing of the Peace.

TODAY IS THE LAST YOUTH GROUP until the fall. The *Free 2B Me Youth Group* will meet today 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Ministries Room.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT COFFEE HOUR TODAY - Students who have received Music Lessons Scholarships will be sharing their talents during coffee hour in the Founders Room. Participants are Jay Conant, Neil Conant, Kyle Conant, Maggie Williams, Danny Williams, Teddy Williams

CALL TO THE JUNE ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, June 23, immediately after the worship service in the Nave. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the 2024-25 Board Members and Officers. Annual Reports are available at the back of the Nave and in the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY Rev. Ryan Henderson from the UCCNY Conference will share the Word. And during the service we will honor our long term members who have reached 40, 45 and 50+ years of membership.

OPEN POSITION: THE CHURCH TREASURER position will be open as of July 1. Anyone with an interest or experience in accounting is encouraged to apply. Please send a letter of interest to the church office at 11 West Main Street or email office@uccnorwichny.org.

THE DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER is Friday, June 21st. Please submit your articles and items to Cheri in the church office by that date.

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - Father's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Pride Sunday - Worship, Nave, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour with special music, Founders' Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Chapel, Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center, E. Main Street
- 7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Co. Rehearsal, Founders Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Soul Kitchen Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, West Main St.
- 4:00 p.m. Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA
- 7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Co. Rehearsal, Founders Room

FRIDAY JUNE 21

Deadline for July/August newsletter.

- 7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Co. Rehearsal, Founders Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Rev. Ryan Henderson shares the Word, Recognition of Members in Long Standing Annual Meeting immediately following in the Nave. Coffee Hour, Founders Room following meeting.
- 4:30 p.m. Free Community Dinner at Broad St. UMC