



Jesus answered,
“The work
of God
is this:
to believe
in the one
he has sent.”

JOHN 6:29, NIV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

June 23, 2024

10:00 a.m

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Jubilant Fanfare*
Handbell Choir

by Kevin McChesney

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let us give thanks to God, let us call on God's name.

ALL: **We will sing praises to God and we will tell of God's wonderful works**

ONE: Glory is God's name.

ALL: **Let all who seek God's ways rejoice! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, for this time and in this place, may the call of your Spirit blossom not only in our private lives, but also in our life as a community of faith. In us and in this community, may we know and practice your sense of inclusion with the same mind, the same heart, and the same spirit that was in Jesus the Christ. In this name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

#537

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Ryan Henderson

CELEBRATING LONG TERM MEMBERS

Ed Tucker	73 years
David Hall	72 years
Pat Whitmore	68 years
Jane Prime	64 years
Allan Sawyer	58 years

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.*

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

Insert

UNISON INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We offer now, God of all things, these small and large parts of our lives. Weave them together with your spirit of hospitality and compassion, that they might serve your people and your world in the Spirit of Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

ANTHEM *Listen to Your Savior Call* (Hymn #250)

Words by William Cowper, 1768

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, French melody

Arranged Richard Redhead, 1853

SERMON: *Alignment*

Rev. Ryan Henderson

Scripture: John 6:24-35

Pew Bible NT p. 101

HYMN *There's a Spirit in the Air* (Tune: VIENNA)

Insert (vv. 1-4)

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

June 23, 2024

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

There's a Spirit in the Air
(Tune: VIENNA)

Insert (vv. 5-7)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gigue

By Christoph Nichelmann
Edited by Charles Callahan

*The flowers are in memory of
Miriam H. Wieseman*

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Speaker: Rev. Ryan Henderson, NY Associate Conference Minister for the
Susquehanna and Genesee Valley Associations

Liturgist: Michael Moren

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke

Bell Choir: David Burch, Mary Carson, Lilit Danielyan, John Kolb,
Michael Moren, Bob Oehme, Amy Rogers, Destinie Smith,
Ericka Tyler, Mary Williams, Peter 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.

THE JUNE ANNUAL MEETING will take place in the Nave immediately following the worship service. All members are encouraged to stay for the meeting. We will be voting on the 2024-25 Board Members and Officers. Annual Reports are available at the back of the church.

SIGN UP SHEETS for ushers, liturgists, coffee hour and flowers are at the back of the church. Please consider signing up.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS start July 5th. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

GUERNSEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday June 26 at 6:00 p.m. - make a crocheted sunflower

Thursday June 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Make your own pride themed bracelet.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. This year's theme is *Seasons in the Sun* and will again be held under the tent behind the Christ Lutheran church on August 11th through August 14th. The major celebrations of the church: Advent; Christmas; Palm Sunday/Easter; and Pentecost will be covered. Each evening will begin with a kid-friendly meal followed by music, an object lesson, crafts, games, and more food. Participating churches are Broad Street UMC, Christ Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church and United Church of Christ. **Volunteers are needed.** All that is required is a desire to be with youth and the completion of the Safe Sanctuary class that will be offered online on Aug 3rd. There is a volunteer meeting on July 31st, 6:00 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact Cheri in the church office.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 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

MONDAY, JUNE 24

- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 6:30 p.m. Town & Country Garden Club, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 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. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 6:10 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room