



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



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**



An Open and Affirming Church

July 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming by John A. Stallsmith

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

ALL; And put a new and right spirit within me, O Lord.

ONE: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

ALL: And sustain in me a willing spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we are thankful for your ongoing presence and renewing Holy Spirit that meet us with challenge and comfort. We pray for this community of faith and for those with whom we share this community, that we might be instruments of peace. Guide our church and all believers of all faiths to extend your love to all of humanity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

***OPENING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#439 (vv. 1- 2)

TIME OF SHARING

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

Our lives are stories, O God, which others read. May the offerings we bring and the service we offer enable our stories to lift the Holy Spirit into the midst of our church and our community, for the sake 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

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Jesus I Have Promised (#493)

Words by John E. Bode, 1868

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY, by A.H. Mann, 1883

SERMON *Making Promises You Shouldn't Keep*

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

Pew Bible NT p. 41

INTERLUDE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

by C.E. Walz

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#439 (vv. 3-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Song of Testimony*

by Janet Harris

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

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CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIFI IS AVAILABLE

Network Name: UCC-Guest

Password: uccguest

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.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE - Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the church office by July 15. 607-334-3434 or office@uccnorwichny.org.

BOOTH AT CHENANGO PRIDE FEST August 24 at Boname Park, Oxford. As a sponsor, we have the opportunity to have a booth during this event. If you are interested in helping out with a booth, please contact the church office. 607-334-3434 or office@uccnorwichny.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Norwich Community Vacation Bible Camp August 11 - 14. 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.

FREE STATE FAIR ADMISSION TICKETS ON PRIDE DAY - AUGUST 23 - As a sponsor of the LGBTQ Booth at the NYS Fair, we are able to offer free tickets to our congregation for Pride Day on August 23. Pride Day begins with the Progress Flag Raising Ceremony, followed by a resource fair in the Chevy Court Pavilion, special entertainment in the Empire Theater in the Art and Home Center, Pride Day Ceremony and the Daily Parade. In addition the LGBTQ Booth in the Center of Progress Building is open from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Let Cheri in the church office know you want tickets no later than July 18th.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

MONDAY, JULY 15

11:00 a.m. S. Van Vorst Rehearsal, Nave
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JULY 16

11:00 a.m. Free Bag Lunch at Broad St. UMC
1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center, E. Main Street

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
4:00 p.m. Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy
6:10 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders Rm.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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