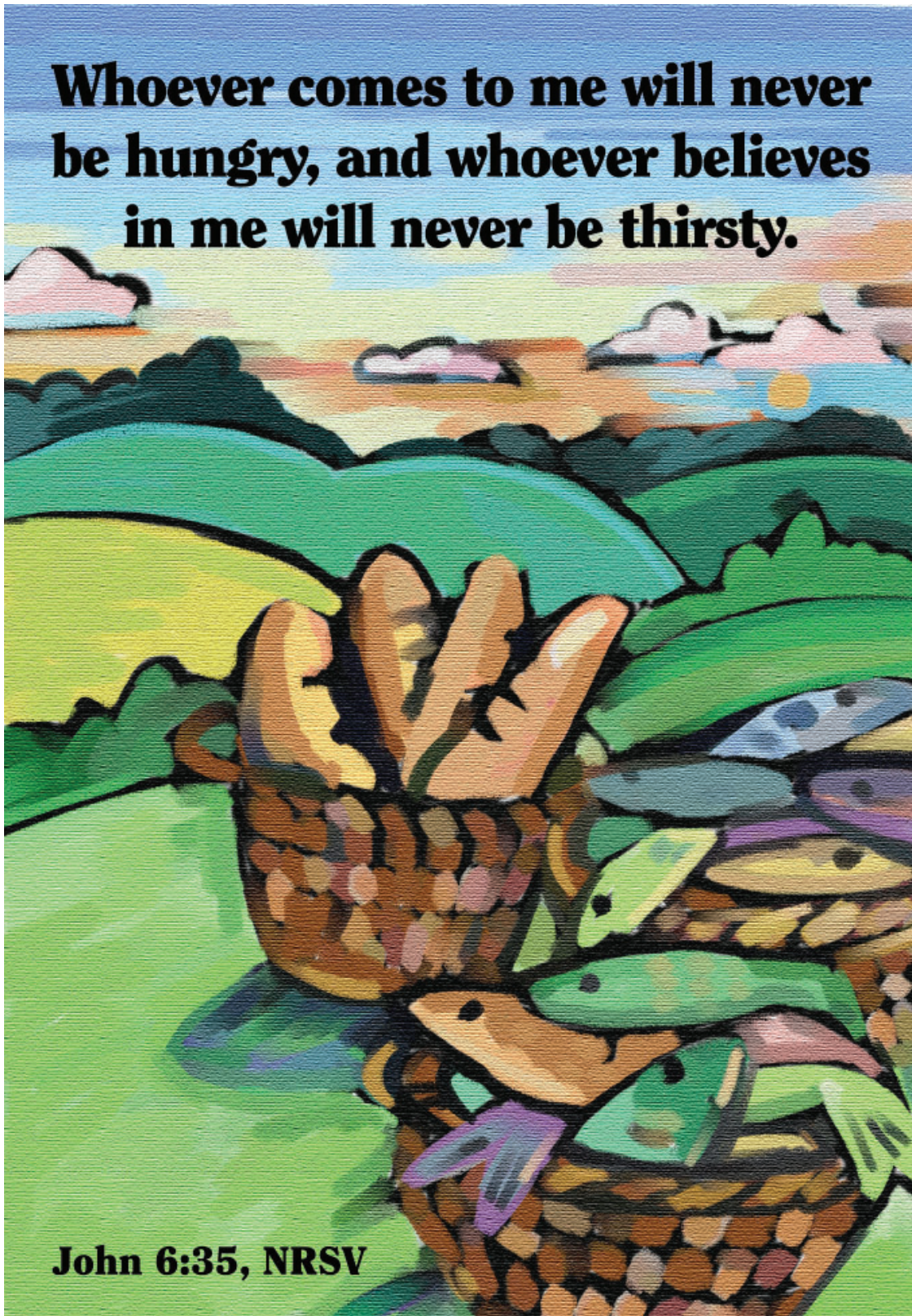


**Whoever comes to me will never  
be hungry, and whoever believes  
in me will never be thirsty.**



**John 6:35, NRSV**

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**An Open and Affirming Church**

**July 28, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Meditation*

by John G. Barr

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Our God comes with healing and salvation.

**ALL: Open our eyes to see your glory, O God.**

ONE: Open our ears to hear your joy.

**ALL: Open our hearts to know your love.**

ONE: Open our hands to share your bounty.

**ALL: Break forth in us, O God, like a refreshing rain on a dry summer day.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Eternal God, you have created and nurtured, fed and sheltered, healed and cleansed, and hauled us forth out of death into new life. You have nurtured us so that we, too, may feed and shelter, heal and cleanse, and bring new life into**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

your earthly realm. Bless us to be living examples of your love as we look forward to the coming again of your son, Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#12

**TIME OF SHARING**

**BLESSING OF PEACE**

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

**ALL:** And also with you.

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Bind Us Together*

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**UNISON INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

You have been waiting patiently, Lord, for your seeds of generosity to mature in our lives as your promise of a good harvest. Receive this bounty of hands and hearts, we pray, that it might be the start of a new crop of abundance, enough to feed the whole of 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)*

**ANTHEM** *God's Peace*

Words by Marva J. Dawn

Tune: BEACH SPRING, attributed to B.F. White

Choral setting by C.J. Adams

**SERMON** *Feeding the Crowd*

Rev. James K. Boodley

**Scripture** Matthew 14:13-15, 16-21

Pew Bible NT p.52

**INTERLUDE** *Where He Leads Me*

by Todd Beaney

**SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

July 28, 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**     *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff*     #418

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**   *With Praises All Unite!*     by Geoffrey Edwards

**PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

**Ministers:** All the People

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

**Liturgist:** Rose Laughlin

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** David Burch

**Livestream Director:** Jennifer Mallozzi

**Livestream Staff:** Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

**Sunday Sexton:** Ericka Tyler

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Burke

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**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

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



## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

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

### **MONDAY, JULY 29**

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

### **TUESDAY, JULY 30**

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  
6:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Founders Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

***Church Office Closed Today***

3:00 p.m. Van Vorst Rehearsal, Nave

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion, Nave  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room  
12:30 p.m. Tentative Youth Group gathering

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS July 28, 2024**

### **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.

**THE PLACE** is holding a raffle fundraiser - \$5.00 for a chance on SIX sports prizes – the drawing will be October 26. Prizes include

- a NY Giants 2023 Team Autographed Football
- a Supreme Birthday Party Package at Midway Lanes
- Lithograph prints of Pittsburg Steelers Cam Heyward
- Lithograph print of nNY Jets Garrett Wilson,
- 2 tickets to a 2024-2025 Season Binghamton Blackbears Game
- 2 VIP Combo tickets to Wonderworks Syracuse.

Please support The Place through this Raffle - tickets are available from Norma Kinney - [kln54@yahoo.com](mailto:kln54@yahoo.com)

**THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM** of the worship services on August 4 and August 11 due to staffing issues and building upgrades. You are invited to join us in person at 10:00 a.m. or choose to watch a previously recorded service from our website at [www.uccnorwichny.org/worship](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/worship).

**NORWICH COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP - AUGUST 11 - 14, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.** at the parking lot of Christ Lutheran Church, 94 N Broad St., Norwich. For children ages 4-12. Expect a great time under the tent with kid-friendly dinners, songs, exciting lessons, games, crafts and snacks. Volunteers are still needed, too! For more details, contact Broad St. UMC at 607-334-2895.

**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, sign up in the church office.