



For the
BREAD OF GOD

IS HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM

HEAVEN

and gives **Life** *to the world.*

JOHN 6:33, ESV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

August 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Turning*

by Arthur Breur

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let us worship our God.

ALL: **Who has blessed us by water and the Holy Spirit.**

ONE: Let us thank our God.

ALL: **Who loved the world enough to share his son, Jesus,
with us.**

ONE: Let us praise our God.

ALL: **Who dispels the gloom of despair with deeds that
are good. Thanks be to God. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O kind and merciful Lord, we confess how often we have
missed the free, creative movement of your Holy Spirit in our
lives. Deepen our faith in your promise, our confidence in
your Spirit, and our willingness to follow your example. All
this we ask in your name, Jesus. Amen.**

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

2 Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN**

*Not My Brother nor My Sister
(Standing in the Need of Prayer)*

#519

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

Loving and bountiful God, may our offerings, both material and spiritual, be symbols of our love for the world you created and graced with your son and your Spirit. Accept them, we pray, as our pledge to share your love with the world in deed and in spirit in imitation of your son, Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

Offering plates are in the hall or give online at www.uccnorwichny.org/give

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bread of the World*

Music by John S. B. Hodges
Arranged by Christopher Alexander

David Burch, piano

SERMON: *Jesus – Bread of Life*

Scripture: John 6:24-35

Rev. James K. Boodley

Pew Bible NT p. 101

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#345 (v. 1-2)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

Pew Bible NT p. 30

Pastoral Prayer

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

August 4, 2024

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

Amazing Grace

#547

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Church, Arise (Arise, Shine)*

By Krysten Getty, Keith Getty,
Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin.
Arranged by Brian Buda

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Ed Tucker

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

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.

The Nave is unavailable for use this week due to carpet installation.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers monthly meeting, Founders Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Founders Room
- 5:30 p.m. Norwich Community Vacation Bible Camp (AKA VBS) at Christ Lutheran Church. See announcements for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS August 4, 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.

COFFEE HOUR will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Room today and next Sunday, August 11.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to Elissa Sawyer for the loss of her husband, Allan Sawyer, who passed away on July 25, 2024. A celebration of life will be held at the Sawyer home, date to be decided. Members of the congregation are invited; more information to come, when available.

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 NY 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 - kl54@yahoo.com

THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM of the worship services today 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.

NORWICH COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP STARTS NEXT SUNDAY - 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. 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.