



Be **KIND**  
to one another,  
**TENDERHEARTED,**  
**FORGIVING**  
one another, as  
**GOD** in **CHRIST**  
has forgiven **YOU.**

Ephesians 4:32, NRSV

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



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**August 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Let Thy Holy Spirit Guide* by Kevin G. Pace

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Jesus said, "Come unto me."

**ALL: We have come to experience the presence of God.**

ONE: Let us thank our God.

**ALL: Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful; the workers are few.**

ONE: When we leave, we will say to others, "Come and see."

**ALL: God be with us as we gather, as we scatter, as we come, and as we go.**

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

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Walking in the way of wisdom, O God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their**

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

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

needs. Holy Spirit of the living God, give us grace to trust God's loving mercy from one day to the next. Give us the courage to follow Christ's example to the glory of your holy name. God of peace, give all nations your shalom that ends all war and brings people together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Children of God*                      #533

### ***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**

Accept these offerings, we pray O God, as a sign that we depend on you and desire to share your love with others. Bless and multiply them to that end to the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Offering plates are in the hall or  
give online at [www.uccnorwichny.org/give](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/give)*

**\*HYMN**              *O God of Love, O God of Peace*                      #571

**SERMON**      *Paul's Instructions to the Ephesians*

Rev. James K. Boodley

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2                      Pew Bible NT p. 207

**INTERLUDE** *Did You Think to Pray*      by William O. Perkins  
arranged by Michael Bailey

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## SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

## 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

*Christians, Rise and Act Your Creed*

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## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Have I Done Any Good* by Will L. Thompson  
arranged by M. Canfield

### PARTICIPANTS TODAY

**Ministers:** All the People

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

**Liturgist:** Elinor Beebe

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** David Burch

**Sunday Sexton:** Mya Yantz

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Coffee Hour:** Jane Prime, 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, 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.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 5:30 p.m. Norwich Community Vacation Bible Camp (AKA VBS) at Christ Lutheran Church. See announcements for details.

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Norwich Community Vacation Bible Camp (AKA VBS) at Christ Lutheran Church. See announcements for details.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 5:30 p.m. Norwich Community Vacation Bible Camp (AKA VBS) at Christ Lutheran Church. See announcements for details.

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

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

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

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

## **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.

### **NORWICH COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP STARTS**

**TONIGHT- 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. Come one night - come every night - whatever fits your schedule. 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.

**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](mailto:kl54@yahoo.com)

**BOOTH AT CHENANGO PRIDE FEST August 24** at Boname Park, Oxford. More volunteers at our booth would be appreciated. If you are interested, sign up in the church office.

**THE BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** is asking for donations of mini water bottles, individual bags of chips, cookies, and individual cups of applesauce for their free PB&J lunches. Every Tuesday, they give out bag lunches to community members in need. If you can contribute in any way, please drop off donations at their church at 74 North Broad St., Norwich, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or call 607-334-2895 to make arrangements.