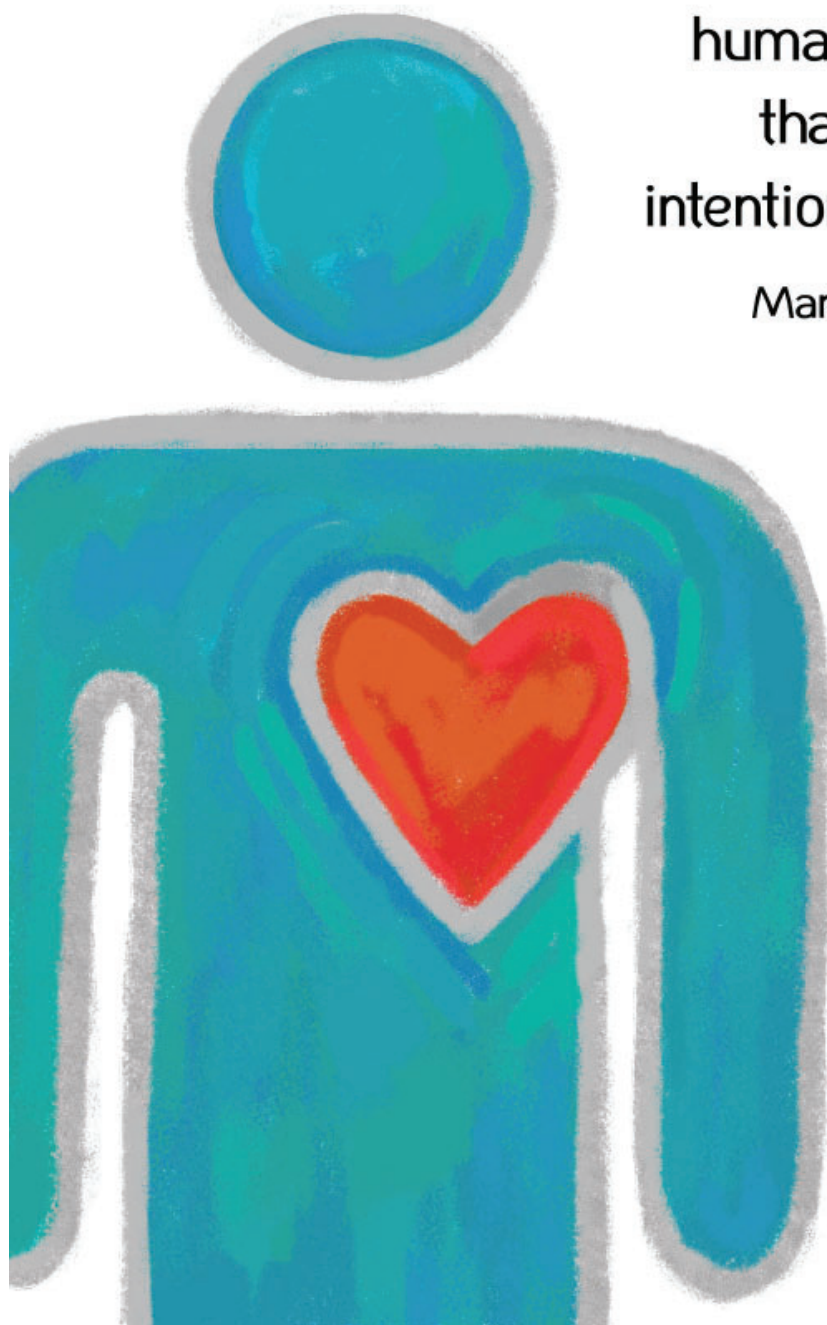


For it is
from within,
from the
human heart,
that evil
intentions come...

Mark 7:21, NRSV



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An Open and Affirming Church

September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* by Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Praise the Lord, all people; praise his holy name.

ALL: **We have come this day to praise God and to learn by way of the Holy Spirit.**

ONE: Jesus teaches the ways of God in accordance with the truth, showing deference to no one.

ALL: **We have come to learn God's ways, which are the ways of salvation in this life and the next. Thanks be to God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we are not always the people we want others to think of us. Help us, we pray, to set our sins behind us, that we may not be chained to the past by guilt, regret, or disappointment. Give us a new day and a new life in your Spirit, that we may have integrity of heart, mind, body and spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

2 Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN** *O My Soul, Bless Your Creator*

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BLESSING OF PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with all of 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

TIME OF SHARING

ANTHEM *10,000 Reasons*

Words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

SERMON *Human Precepts as Doctrine*

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pew Bible NT p. 42

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, in whom all grace we know.
Praise to the Spirit, evermore;
One God, triune, Whom we adore. (Amen.)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Generous God, we have so much – more than enough to share with those who have less. Bless these gifts, we pray, multiply them and send them out beyond our sight to your realm, which needs your touch and our concern. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

Pew Bible NT p. 30

Pastoral Prayer

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

September 1, 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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude*

by Flor Peeters

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (*Closed 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.*)

Friday

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.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME NEXT WEEK

Monday Tuesday Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m)

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

(On Wednesdays, Cheri Oakley works from home and can be reached by email.)

OUR CHURCH will receive the annual Colors Cape award for our support of Colorscape on Saturday, September 7 during the opening ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. Pete Williams and Deb Phelps will accept the award on our behalf. Also, remember that our parking lot is designated for handicapped parking during the Festival September 7 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) and 8 (11 a.m. - 5 p.m.) in downtown Norwich, rain or shine.

YOU SHOULD HAVE received a letter with a return card for Joanne Lanfear in the mail last week. Please remember to fill out and return your card in the enclosed envelope.

CHOIR WILL resume on Wednesday September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. New members are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, see Mary Williams.

A POTLUCK AND ACTION COMMITTEE INFORMATION

SESSION is planned for September 22 following the worship service. See the insert for details about the Action Committees. A sign-up sheet for the Potluck is in the church office. Bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

2:00 p.m. Colorscape Food Prep, kitchen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Parking Lot in use Colorscape handicapped parking

8:00 a.m. Colorscape Food Prep, kitchen
11:00 a.m. Colorscape opening ceremony and Colors Cape Award presented to our church
6:30 p.m. The Story Tour at Norwich High School. Info and tickets at www.thestorytour.org or call 570-506-8100.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. Colorscape Food Prep, kitchen
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School K-3 upstairs
11:00 a.m. Parking Lot in use for Colorscape handicapped parking