



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

September 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Colorscape Weekend

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr*

by Johann Christoph Bach

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to give thanks to God.

ALL: **Who is in our midst on our journey of faith.**

ONE: We come to give praise to God.

ALL: **Who refreshes us with living water.**

ONE: We come to give witness to God.

ALL: **Who leads us to our final destination. Thanks be to God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O faithful and patient God, you didn't abandon your people, even when they quarreled with Moses and complained about conditions in the desert. You remained in their midst and sustained them with manna from heaven and water from the rock. Deepen our faith, we pray, and help us to see the signs of your presence and support in our own journey with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

2 Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

#27

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.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

Insert

TIME OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Prayer*

music by Hyejin Jun

Allie Rehn, cello and Alyssa Jutting, violin

SERMON *Finding Jesus at the Craft Fair*

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 95

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

DOXOLOGY (*Tune #7*)

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

Gracious God, keep us mindful of how blessed we are, especially when we feel unsure about our future or embarrassed by our past. Help us to be satisfied with what we have, not with what we want. See in the gifts we offer our willingness to be your manna and your water for the people of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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** *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* #76 (vv. 1&2)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata in C* by Jose Antonio Carlos De Seixas
Edited by Charles Callahan

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Michael Moren

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Soloists: Allie Rehn, Alyssa Jutting

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: No coffee hour this week.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

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

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.

CORRECTION: SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK - September 15 for children in grades K-3.

NO COFFEE HOUR today due to Colorscape in downtown Norwich. Our parking lot will be used for handicapped parking starting at 11 a.m.

CONSIDER JOINING THE CHOIR for an hour of singing and fellowship on Wednesday evenings beginning September 11 at 7:00 p.m. Adults and youths grade 7 and up are welcome! Contact Mary Williams for more information.

JOANNE LANFEAR will be speaking next Sunday about the church's plan to offer counseling services for those interested. If you haven't done it yet, remember to return the card you received in the mail to Joanne in the envelope provided.

POTLUCK AND ACTION COMMITTEE INFORMATION

SESSION - 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 8

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9

- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Founders Rm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders Rm., Kitchen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Joanne Lanfear speaking
- Sunday School K-3 upstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room