

...so in Christ we,  
though many,



**FORM ONE BODY,**  
and each member  
belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5, NIV

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



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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**An Open and Affirming Church**

**September 15, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Emotions*

by Terri Crockett

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O Lord, we come together to seek a great vision.

**ALL: We seek your call in our time, O God.**

ONE: We have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to serve.

**ALL: We seek your direction this day, O God. In Jesus' name,  
we pray. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious and loving God, throughout history, you have revealed yourself at the very point of need, at precisely the right moment in time. Even in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty, your Spirit provides encouragement and direction. Once again, you demonstrate to us that you are faithful and that the righteous shall live by faith. Thanks be to God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

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

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



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**PASTORAL PRAYER (PASTOR)**

**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** *God Be with You* #81 (choir only vs. #3)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Presto, Sonata #6, Movement 3*

by Giovanni Battista Pescetti

**PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

**Ministers:** All the People

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

**Liturgist:** Elinor Beebe

**Presentor:** Rev. Joanne Ferguson

**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:** Colleen and Bella Johnson, Jane Prime

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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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY** for children in grades K-3. Children are invited upstairs after the choir anthem.

**NEXT SUNDAY - POTLUCK AND ACTION COMMITTEE INFORMATION SESSION** - 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.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER - Sunday, September 22nd.**

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

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

### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 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 18**

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- 3:30 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting, Founders Rm.
- 5:30 p.m. Free Meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave
  - Sunday School K-3 upstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck and Action Committee Information Event, Founders Room.
- 4:00 p.m. Free Community Dinner at Broad St. UMC