

The harvest is
plentiful,



but the laborers are *few...*
Luke 10:2, NRSV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

September 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Triptych on "The Shepherd Psalm"* Gilbert M. Martin
Based on hymn tunes CRIMOND,
ST. COLUMBA and RESIGNATION

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to God with thanksgiving for the many blessings we enjoy.

ALL: **We come to express our gratitude for our faith family.**

ONE: In light of our steadfast faith, we celebrate our endurance as a faith community.

ALL: **So that the name of Christ may be glorified, we resolve to do every good work of faith, according to the grace given us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, keep us strong and steadfast, patient and peaceful, serious but with a sense of humor, that we may carry ourselves according to your will. Likewise, we ask you to bless our efforts, to keep us energetic, creative, and cooperative, that others might see Christ in us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

***OPENING HYMN** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

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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.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

Insert

Children in grades K-3 are invited to go upstairs for Sunday School at this time.

TIME OF SHARING

ANTHEM *We Are Called*

Words and music by David Haas
Arranged by Mark Hayes

SERMON *They Returned in Joy*

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture Luke 10:1-3, (4-12), 17-20

Pew Bible NT p. 72

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Interlude on "Canonbury"*

Gilbert M. Martin
Based on the tune by Robert Schumann

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:

O Lord, 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 the furthest reaches of your realm, to all who need your touch and our loving kindness. Receive each gift represented here and bless each giver with the grace of Jesus the Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

September 22, 2024

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** *What a Covenant*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive Celebration on "Arlington"* Gilbert M. Martin
Based on the tune by Thomas A. Arne

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Donna Moren

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: Robert Oehme

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 - 1 for lunch*)

Friday

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, 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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 6:30 p.m. Garden Club, Founders Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 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 25

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Fourth Saturday Diaper Giveaway, First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave
 - Sunday School K-3 upstairs
- 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.

POTLUCK AND ACTION COMMITTEE EVENT is today after the worship service. **All are welcome**, whether you brought a dish to pass or not. We always have plenty of food.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at Broad St. United Methodist Church TODAY 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Menu: sloppy joe on a bun, pasta salad, coleslaw and zucchini cake. Everyone is welcome.

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

HOSPICE DINNER - as of this printing, there are still **three seats available** at our UCC table at the Hospice Celebrity Dinner on October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Canasawacta Country Club. The cost of your dinner is covered by the church's purchase of the table, but there is the expectation that attendees will tip the celebrity waiters often and participate in wine draws and other fundraising activities. Details can be found on the bulletin board. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pete Williams today or contact the church office.

ONLINE PRAYER CIRCLE every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. You are invited to join this group for a devotional, Bible reading and time of prayer, whenever you are available. Login information is available from the church office. To add a prayer request to the list, contact Pat Burke.



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