

United Church of Christ Norwich, New York



# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

### Norwich, New York



### **An Open and Affirming Church**

October 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

### **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**PRELUDE** Voluntary in E Minor

By John Stanley Edited by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### **GATHERING**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We come together to seek a great vision. **ALL:** We seek your call in our time, O Lord.

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

ALL: We seek your direction on this day, O Lord. In Jesus' name,

we pray. Amen.

#### UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we come together in your presence, O Lord, make us more fully aware of your faithfulness in our lives and in the life of this world. Enable us to find faith enough to respond to your grace; help us to become faithful servants, growing in strength even in the midst of the great challenges before us. Give us a renewed vision to serve with excitement and endurance with your help and that of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

#417 (vs. 1-4)

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit.

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

**ANTHEM** For the Beauty of the Earth Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint Congregation joins on verses 3 & 4 (see insert)

Emma Palmer, flute

Tune DIX by Conrad Kocher

Arranged by Anne Laura Page.

#### PASSING OF THE 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 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

#### TIME OF SHARING

**SERMON:** Facing Reality Rev. James K. Boodley **Scripture:** Matthew 23:36-44 Pew Bible NT p. 27

#### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Cantique By Flor Peeters

#### **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

Holy God, we come before you with gratitude for your enduring faithfulness to us in every moment of our lives. We thank you for your son, Jesus the Christ, who offers us love, healing, hope and a sense of direction. To you and to him we offer our intangible gifts of our lives, our time, and our talents. We offer our tangible gifts of our funds. As you release both kinds of gifts into the world, may they be a source of strength, comfort, and joy to all who receive them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### 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 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #400

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festive Voluntary by Robert Lau

The wreath is in honor of Carrie, Norma and Judy's niece. Carrie is able to keep a positive attitude, a good sense of humor and a bright smile as she adjusts to the limitations due to Multiple Sclerosis.

#### PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

**Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams** 

Organist: David Burch

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Ericka Tyler

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Rose Laughlin, Norma Kinney

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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.

**ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING DATE CHANGE** - The Budget Meeting will now be held on Sunday, October 20, following the service in the Founders Room. All are encouraged to attend.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples Day.

WANTING TO HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES? Go to https://support.ucc.org/global-HOPE to donate - you can designate your gift to US Hurricane Relief (or other worldwide needs). Checks can be sent to United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland OH 44194.

**ORDER YOUR FREE COVID TESTS** to have on hand if you or someone in your home is ill. Go to COVIDtests.gov. You can also check on the extended expiration dates for any older tests you have.

BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is collecting clean coats, socks, gloves, scarves, and hats to supply a FREE coat rack made available to those who need them. Drop your donations off at BSUMC Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Your contribution will make a real difference in keeping our community warm this winter.

HELP GREEN THE CITY OF NORWICH! Volunteers are needed to help the Tree Committee plant trees along the streets and parks of the City of Norwich. There are two planting events coming up: Friday, October 18, at 2:00 pm and Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 pm. We'll meet at Kurt Beyer Park both days for a planting demonstration and assign planting spots. Bring a shovel and work gloves. If interested in getting your hands dirty and making a difference, please email us at norwichtrees@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and preferred planting day. Thank you for helping us create a greener, more beautiful Norwich!

#### **CALENDAR**

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

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave

Sunday School K-3 upstairs

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Free 2B Me Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)

#### MONDAY OCTOBER 14 - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Church Office Closed

2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen

1:00 p.m. Transition Committee, Founders Rm/Zoom 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

4:00 p.m. Laundry Love, Byrne Dairy 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:30 p.m. Free meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

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Sunday School K-3 upstairs

11:00 a.m. Budget Meeting, Founders Rm.

Coffee Hour

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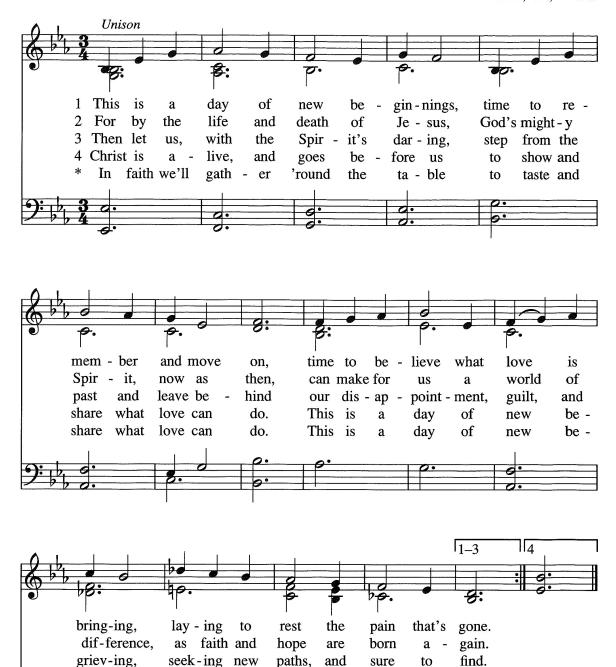
4:30 p.m. Free Community Dinner at Broad St. United Methodist

Church

### This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983



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Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

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Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8. Carlton R. Young, 1987

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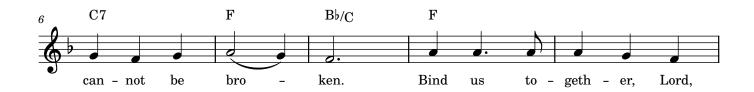
<sup>\*</sup>Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

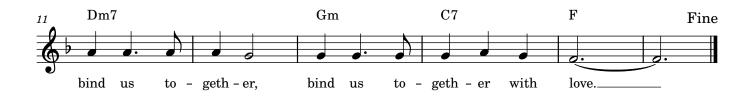
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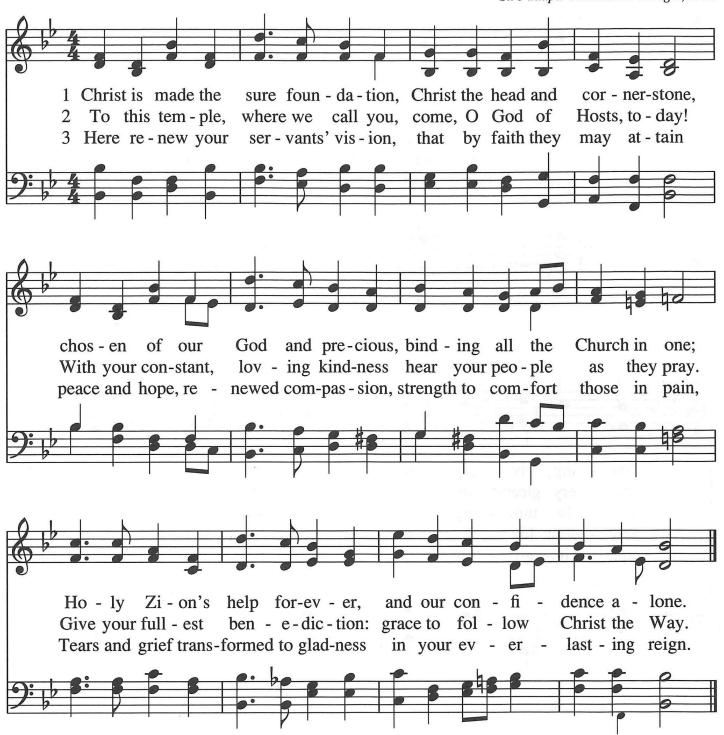


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## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th–8th century Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992



The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

# FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Words by FOLLIOT S. PIERPOINT (1835-1917)

Tune: **DIX**by CONRAD KOCHER (1786-1872)
Arranged by
ANNA LAURA PAGE

#### Choir:

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Congregation and Choir:** 



4. For Thy - self, best gift Di - vine, to our world so

