



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



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

November 24, 2024

10:00 a.m

**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Come, Breath of God*

by Anthony Gianmanco

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to God with thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year.

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

ONE: Because our steadfast faith, we celebrate our endurance among the churches of God.

ALL: **So that the name of Christ may be glorified, we resolve to do every good work of faith in accordance with the grace given to us by God's Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we seek your presence in order to be people of integrity in thought, word, and deed to the glory of our spiritual mentor, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *We Praise You, O God*

#420

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

ANTHEM *Let Us Give Thanks for Unknown Blessings*
Words and music by Carol Browning
(Congregation joins on refrain – see bulletin insert.)

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 *Practicing Gratitude* Rev. James K. Boodley
SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible NT p. 82

INTERLUDE *Deep Peace* by John S. Dixon

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we present a small portion of what you have provided us: life, creativity, and each other. Accept these gifts, we pray, as tokens of our gratitude for your provision and everlasting care, as we provide and care for others. 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.

November 24, 2024

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Great is Your Faithfulness* #423

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in B Flat* by Sir Edward Elgar



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www.uccnorwichny.org/give

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Usher: Jane Prime

Coffee Hour: Colleen and Bella Johnson

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

(closed 12- 1p.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, upstairs at the front of the church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday and Friday November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

JOIN US TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE ADVENT SEASON ON Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

A REMINDER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY: You may have noticed on the pledge cards this year that offering envelopes are no longer available. If you would still like to use envelopes, feel free to use any envelope to put your donation in. Just include a note on the envelope or the memo line of your check.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PLACE - Wreaths \$35, 6-inch red poinsettias \$15 from Pires Florist. Tickets can be purchased from Board Members (Norma Kinney) or call The Place at 607-336-9696. Pick Up is at The Place by December 20.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER on November 28 at 12:00 noon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (37 West Main St., Norwich). Take-out and delivery within the City of Norwich are available by calling 607-334-8801.

COMMUNITY ADVENT STUDY - YOU ARE INVITED

What: *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*

When: Tuesdays for 4 weeks (Nov. 26, & Dec. 3, 10, 17)
Lite Lunch & Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.
Lenten Study: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Broad St. United Methodist Church (74 N. Broad St. Norwich)

For more information, Call Broad St. UMC at 607-334-8815.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs
after Children's Moment
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata

MONDAY NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 11:30 a.m. *Prepare the Way for the Lord* - Community Advent
Book Study at Broad St. United Methodist. Light
lunch included.
- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting, Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Meeting, Founders Room, Zoom.
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs
after Children's Moment
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. *Free 2B Me* Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)
- 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

We Praise You, O God

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Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

Bind Us Together

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Words and Music by BOB GILLMAN

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1 F Dm7 Gm
Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

6 C7 F Bb/C F
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

11 Dm7 Gm C7 F Fine
bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love._____

17 F C7 F C7 F
We are the fa - mily of God,_____ we are the prom - ise di - vine._____

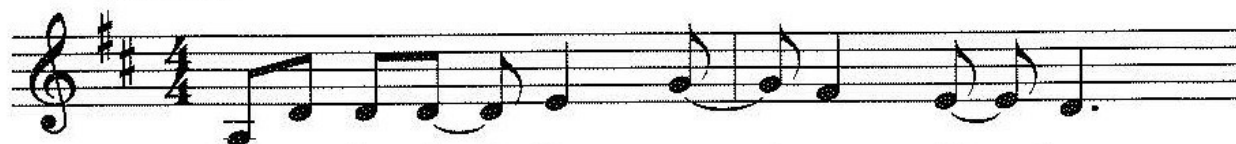
25 C7 F F/C C7 F D.C. al Fine
We are God's cho - sen de - sire,_____ we are the glo - rious new wine._____

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR UNKNOWN BLESSINGS

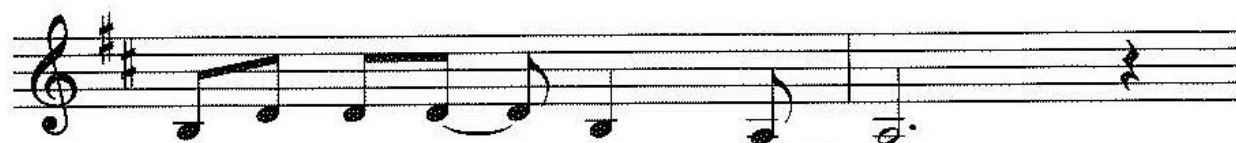
Refrain based on a Quaker blessing
Verses based on Matthew 6:25-34 and Luke 12:22-32

Words and Music by
Carol Browing

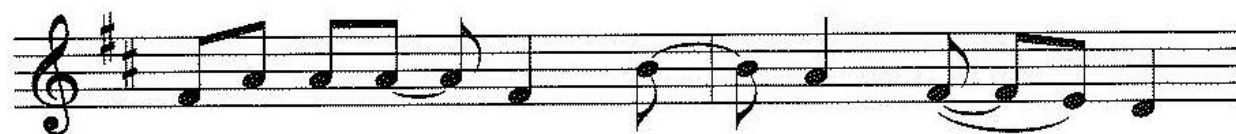
Refrain



Let us give thanks for un - known bless - ings



al - read - y on the way.



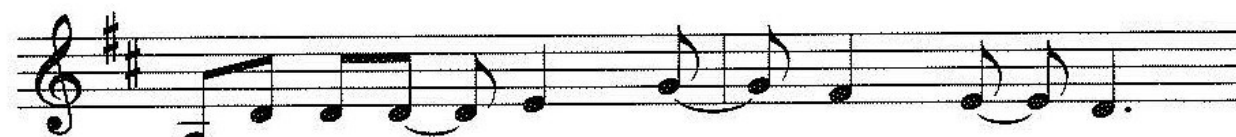
Let us give thanks for un - known bless - ings



al-read-y on the way. God holds the fu-



- ture, the pres - ent, and the past, so



let us give thanks for un - known bless - ings

Last time to Coda ⊕



al - read - y on the way.

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

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Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!