



*"Worship
the Lord
your God,
and serve
him only."*

Matthew 4:10

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

January 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Noel, Que chacun de nous contemple le Dieu Sauveur

by Jean-Leon Roques

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said, "Come unto me."

ALL: **We have come to experience the presence of Jesus the Christ.**

ONE: Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few."

ALL: **God be with us as we gather as his workers, as we come, and as we go.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, we want to be led to green pastures and beside still waters. We want to believe that you do, in fact, accept us as we are, to believe that everything we have ever heard about you is true, and to believe that your presence is the place for grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Your Ways Are Not Our Own*

#170

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Molly Ijames

Quoting Hyfrydol by Rowland H. Prichard

Piano Duet: David Burch, Mary Williams

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with 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.

SERMON

Jesus' Wilderness Temptation

Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 3

INTERLUDE

Laissez paitres vos betes

by Jacques-Claude Adolphia Mine

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, remind us there will come a time when all that we'll have to show for ourselves will be what we have given away, not what we have kept for ourselves. Transform our gifts, we pray, into a ministry of mercy and grace. Use them in places and for people we do not know. May they accomplish great good, even beyond our most hopeful imagining. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

January 19, 2025

THE LORD'S PRAYER

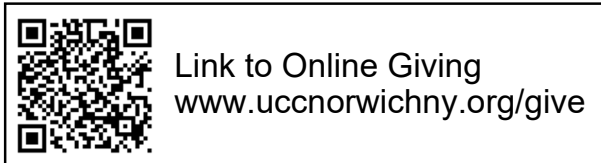
Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #43

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Pastorale Piece* by Friedrich Schneider



PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children's and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Liturgist: Mary Williams

Usher: Ericka Tyler

Coffee Hour: Jessica Strough

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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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8 after the Children's Moment
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 5:00 p.m. Free Community Dinner, Broad St. United Methodist

MONDAY JANUARY 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Training, Founders Room
- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Free Meal at St. Bart's Catholic Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. AARP tax Training, Founders Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir, Nave

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00 a.m. Fourth Saturday Diaper Give-away at First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8 after the Children's Moment
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Nave
Following Annual Meeting - Coffee Hour, Founders Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

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.

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday January 26 in the Nave following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at Broad St. United Methodist Church today. Dine at 5:00 p.m., take out at 5:30 p.m. Menu: chili, rice, coleslaw, roll/butter, brownies & ice cream. Everyone is welcome.

ADDRESS FOR MARTHA O'KEEFE: 11019 176th Circle NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS - Blood Drive at Guernsey Memorial Library on Thursday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Especially needed are O-, O+, A- and B-. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. January donors are automatically entered into a drawing for a trip to the Super Bowl.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER on a Sunday, please don't take any risks to get to church. You can always tune in to the livestream www.uccnorwichny.org/livestream. If we cancel the service, we will post on Facebook and Instagram and with a message on the church phone.

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

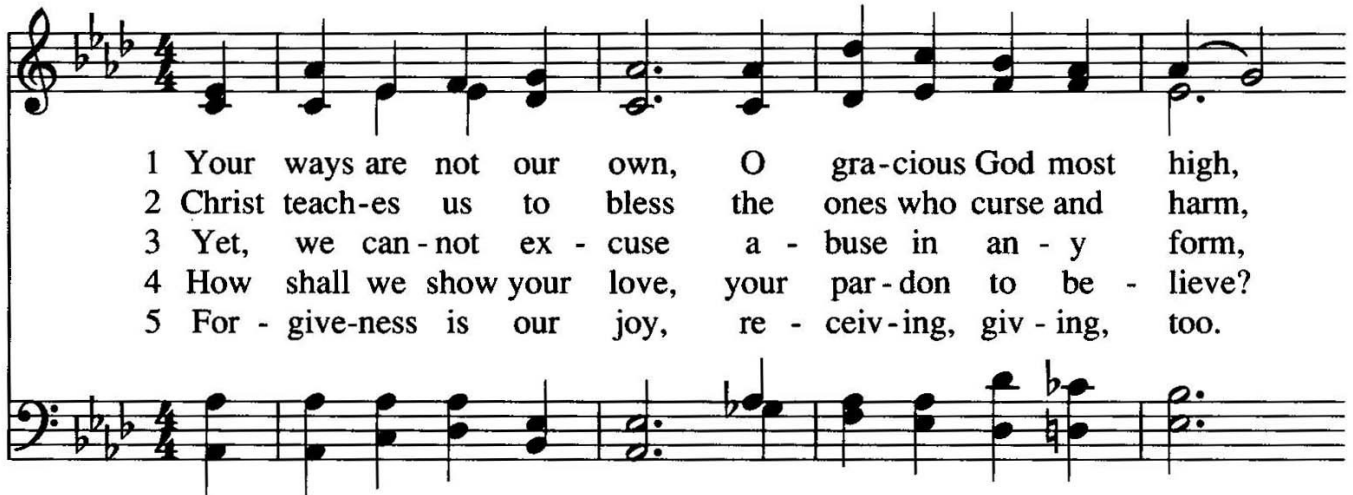
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

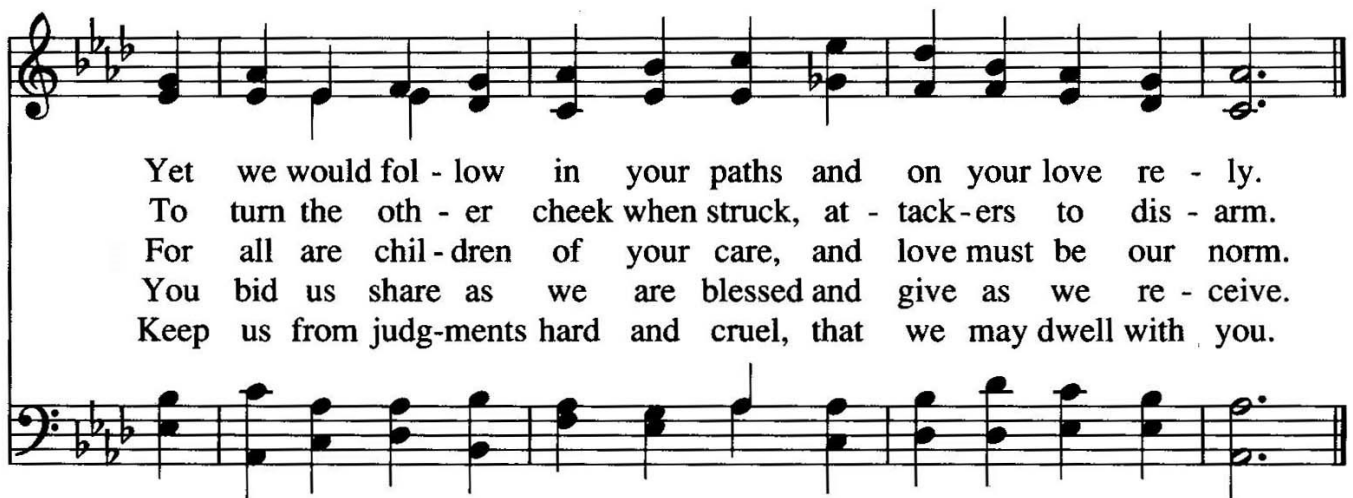
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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
3 Yet, we can-not ex-cuse a-buse in an-y form,
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be-lieve?
5 For-give-ness is our joy, re-ceive-ing, giv-ing, too.



Yet we would fol-low in your paths and on your love re-ly.
To turn the oth-er cheek when struck, at-tack-ers to dis-arm.
For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re-ceive.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Lavon Bayler has served on the Illinois Conference staff of the United Church of Christ beginning in 1979. She maintains a faithful practice of writing worship materials as part of her daily spiritual discipline and has published several books of resources.

Tune: SCHUMANN S.M.
Cantica Laudis,
Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb, 1850

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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 staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love. We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine. We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine." The score ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27**Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum - ble dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in you;

Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love im - part.
 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels love,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495

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