

“TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE HAS
BEEN FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING.”
LUKE 4:21

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m

Third Sunday after Epiphany

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Voluntary*

by Francis Linley

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: **God is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

ONE: In times of trouble, God will guide me and set me upon a rock.

ALL: **Hearken to my voice, O Lord. Have mercy and hear me. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Walking in the way of wisdom, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs. Holy Spirit of the living God, give us grace and wisdom to trust God's loving mercy and embrace God's justice day by day. Give us the grace and wisdom to follow your son Jesus' example day by day. Give us grace and wisdom to forgive others and ourselves when we fall short day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

#164

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

ANTHEM *Come, Now, Spirit of God*

Words by Tina English
Music by Joseph Martin

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 Declares His Ministry*

Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-30

Pew Bible NT p. 62

INTERLUDE *Faith of our Fathers*

by Janet Vogt

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you shared your son with us as your gift of life for the world. Receive what we offer, we pray, so that others might know your gift of life through the blessings you give us to use and share. 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.

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Beautiful Jesus*

#44

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Varied Harmonization of Wondrous Love*

Edited by Wayne Leupold



Link to Online Giving

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: Jessica Strough

Usher: Terri Yantz

Coffee Hour: Naomi Mahaffey

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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, upstairs at the front of the church.

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to Martha O'Keefe for the loss of her husband, Dr. Robert "Bob" O'Keefe who died on January 22, 2025. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held in Chenango County later this summer. Cards can be sent to Martha at: 11019 176th Circle NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

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.

NEW: IF YOU WOULD LIKE a call or text to let you know if we cancel the church service, please sign up in the church office.

CALENDAR

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

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

MONDAY JANUARY 27

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting, kitchen
- 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 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 29

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Training, Founders Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Transition Meeting, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir, Nave

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 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, Founders Room
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

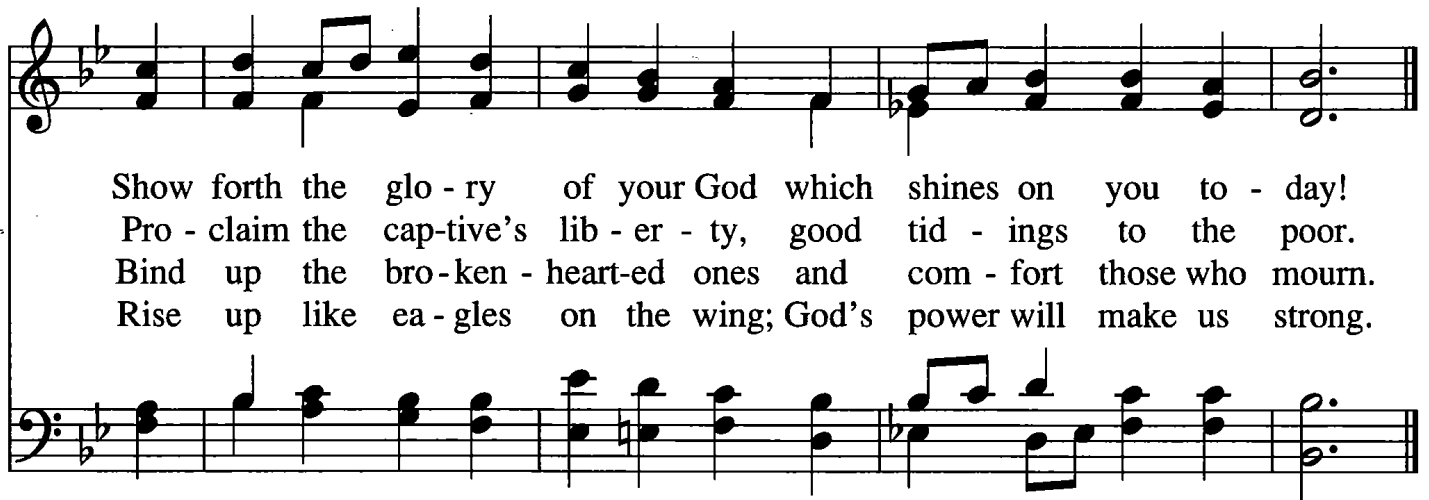
²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is,

there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*


1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

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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 (B-flat). 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,

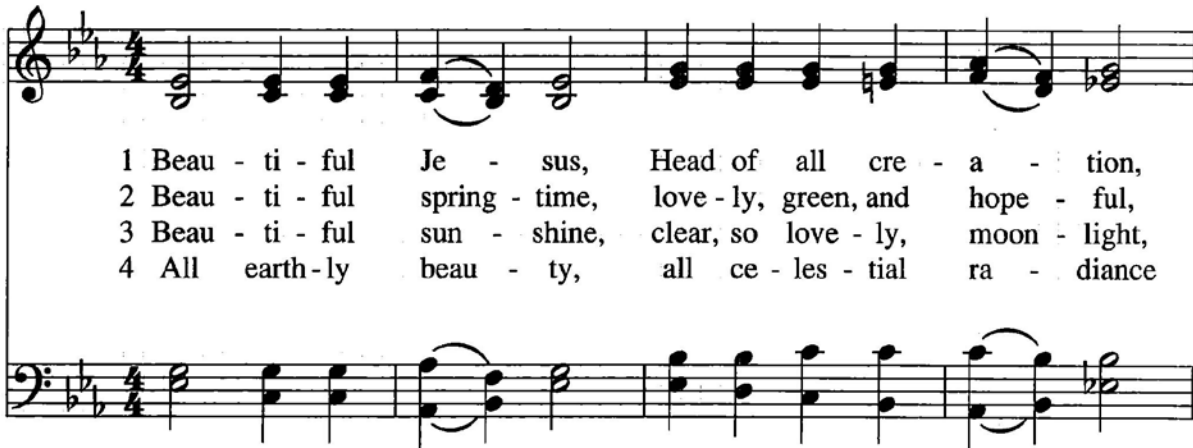
11 Dm7 Gm C7 F Fine
bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love._____

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

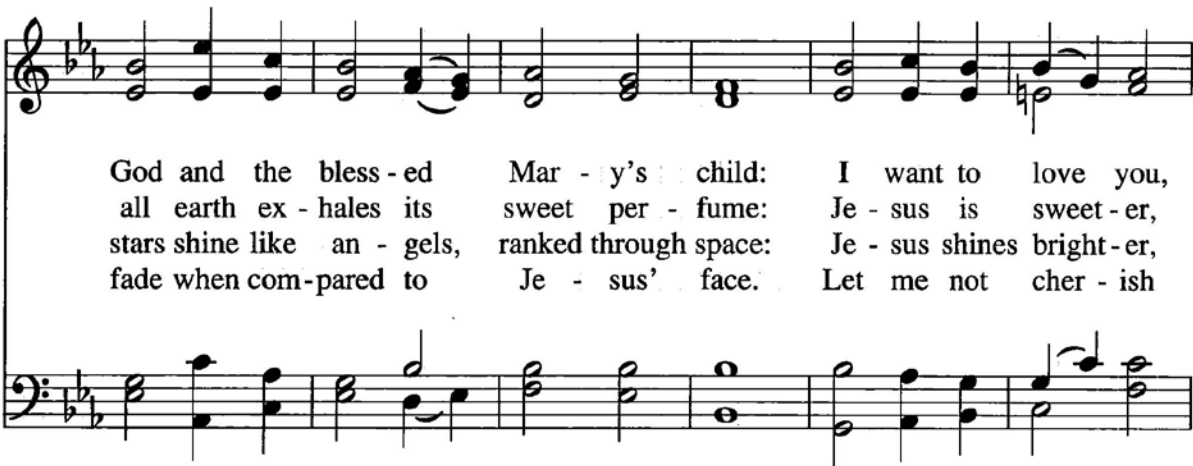
25 C7 F F/C C7 F D.C. al Fine
We are God's cho - sen de - sire,_____ we are the glo - rious new wine._____

Beautiful Jesus

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - jice and bloom.
Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.

This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.
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Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk melody
Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850