

The  
sheep  
follow  
him  
because  
they  
know  
his  
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



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



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**May 11, 2025**

**10:00 a.m**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

*Please enjoy the music with those around you as you prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
**ALL: or take the path that sinners tread, or sit on the seat of scoffers.**

ONE: Their delight is in the presence of the Lord,

**ALL: and on God's law they meditate day and night. Thanks be to God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Merciful God, we pray for those who live in dangerous places, even fearing for their own lives and the lives of those they love. Remind us that you can work even where there is no hope of peace. Strengthen those who work for peace, so they may not tire of doing good. Protect those who live in fear and bring those who would spread fear under your control. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

**OPENING HYMN** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #252

**TIME OF SHARING**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ericka Tyler

**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** *Deep Peace*

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**SPECIAL MUSIC** *In Everything Fair*

Words and Music by Patricia Mock  
and Douglas Nolan

*Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs to Sunday School at this time.*

**SERMON** *The Sheep Know the Shepherd's Voice*

Rev. James K. Boodley

**SCRIPTURE** John 10:22-30

Pew Bible NT p. 107

**INTERLUDE**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O gracious one, you have set us in a time and place of great freedom. May our gifts and our lives be used in such a way as to bring the necessities of life to those who don't have access to them. May we work with you to break the chains of injustice so that all people may live in freedom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

May 11, 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 *Hear the Voice of God, So Tender* #174

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE



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### 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,  
Breanna Rogers

**Sunday Sexton:** Mya Yantz

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Liturgist:** Grace Burke

**Usher:** Joe and Deb Phelps

**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.



## **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 PRELUDE** is meant as a time of preparation for worship. Please enjoy the music with those around you. Keep in mind that even whispered conversations are picked up by the livestream microphones.

**THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH** are locked during the service from 10:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for security reasons. The doors will remain open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. for coffee hour and bell choir. Members and regular attenders can request a key fob from the church office to allow them to enter during the time that the doors are locked.

**WE WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** to our congregation on June 1. If you would like to join, or renew your faith commitment, speak to Pastor J.K., or Pete Williams, Moderator.

**ATTENTION ACTION COMMITTEES FACILITATORS** The June Annual Meeting date is set for June 22. At that time, the Annual Report will be shared with the congregation. As part of that report, the Executive Council is inviting each Action Committee to submit a brief summary of activities, including the goals and purpose of the group. This information can be sent to the church office at [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org). Deadline for submission is June 9.

**THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE** invites you to share any photos you have of church services, gatherings, meetings, Sunday School, meals, any activities inside or outside of the church or any other picture that relates to UCC. These will be used in our church profile. Please email photos to Michael Moren at [mjmoren487@gmail.com](mailto:mjmoren487@gmail.com) or Cheri Oakley at [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org).

**MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL CLUB** presents Scholarship Winners and Advanced Students on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in our Nave. This program is free and open to the public. Donations accepted for their scholarship fund.

## **CALENDAR**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 11**

#### **Festival of the Christian Home, Mothers Day**

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sunday School grades 3 - 8
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Rm.
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 1:30 p.m. Chenango Change, Founders Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave

### **MONDAY, MAY 12**

- 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Musical Club program, Nave. See announcements for details.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 13**

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen
- 3:30 p.m. Search Committee, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave
- 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Rm.
- 5:15 p.m. Free Meal at St. Bart's Catholic Church  
(Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 15**

- 4:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave
- 5:00 p.m. Free meal at Emmanuel Episcopal.
- 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA

### **SUNDAY, MAY 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sunday School grades 3 - 8
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Rm.
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 1:30 p.m. Chenango Change, Founders Rm.
- 2:00 p.m. Mid-York Concert Band Spring Concert, Norwich High School. Free and open to the public.
- 4:30 p.m. Free Meal at Broad St. United Methodist Church
- 7:00 p.m. M. Maholchic, Nave

## **John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)

John 10:1–29

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;  
1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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*The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."*

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
William B. Bradbury, 1859



# Deep Peace

Words and Music by Marian M. Thomas ©2000



Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_".

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Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_".

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Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the world gives, I give to you.

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the world gives, I give to you.".

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Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you.\_\_\_\_\_".

# Hear the Voice of God, So Tender

Words by Lavon Bayler, 1987, rev. 1993.

Tune: Beach Spring, Harm. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1992.

1 Hear the voice of God, so ten - der, whis-p'ring like a soft ca - ress,  
2 God is heal - ing and for - giv - ing, crea-tures who are sore dis - tressed,  
3 Lis - tening to the Spir - it's guid - ing, breath be - yond the writ - ten code,  
4 Shed the old wine-skins of war - fare for the fresh new wines of peace,

Giv - ing, as our sure de - fen - der, stead - fast love and faith - ful - ness.  
O - pening doors to hope -ful liv - ing, as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed.  
We, in cov - e - nant a - bid - ing, seek to write our let - ters bold.  
Know-ing God sus - tains our wel - fare with a love that will not cease.

Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er, as the Spir - it brings new life.  
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