

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

March 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Breath of Hope

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *There is a Balm*
Handbells

African American Spiritual
Arranged by Ron Mallory

Ringers: (left to right) Heavenly Mahaffey, Destinie Smith,
Mary Williams, Amy Rogers, Ericka Tyler, Dave Burch,
Josiah Tyler, Pete Williams, Maxine Gage, Hannah DeBates,
Tillie Bosworth

WELCOME

(Please sign the attendance pad found in the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O God, you do not see things as we do

ALL: Jesus, light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

ONE: We look on outward appearances

ALL: Jesus, enlighten us that we see the truth beyond superficial impressions.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* by Mark Hayes

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Offering plates are located at the doors of the church.

Give online at uccnorwichny.org/give

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we are grateful for the privilege of being a part of your family. We pray that you would accept our gifts this day, a sacrifice of thanksgiving for all that you have done for us. We pray you would guide us in the use of the gifts we offer so that others in our world may know of your care and provision. This we pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called us to live out the teachings of our Teacher, Jesus, the Christ. Give us eyes to see the behaviors and parts of our lives that we have not let Jesus' direction infiltrate. Give us courage to take a step of faith into your welcoming presence and teach us anew how to follow where you lead the way in our world. Amen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Go now, go in safety, for you cannot go where God is not present.
Go in love, for love alone endures.
Go with purpose and God will honor your dedication.
and go in peace, for it is a gift of God
to those whose hearts and minds are in Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE *Suite Brevis No. 1*
1. Ostinato

by David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIFI IS AVAILABLE

Network Name: UCC-Guest Password: uccguest

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE upstairs for children up to age 5.

NEXT SUNDAY we will join with the Broad St. United Methodist Church for Palm Sunday. We will meet here at 10:00 a.m. for a Blessing of the Palms and then walk or drive to BSUMC for a Passion Service beginning about 10:30 a.m. There is no Sunday School next week, but children are invited and encouraged to attend as they will have an important job during the procession to BSUMC. See Ericka Tyler for details.

JOIN PASTOR GLENN in a Lenten Study using the *Outgrow* devotional book - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel or on Zoom. Books provided. Come when you can - attendance every week is not required.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY at Christ Lutheran Church, Wednesdays at noon, February 25 through April 1. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. This is a video and book discussion series of Adam Hamilton's *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. Books are available at ThriftBooks and Amazon.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for high school and college students are available in the church office or from the website. Click on the Scholarships link on the homepage for details and to download an application. **Deadline to apply is March 30.**

MUSIC LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS are available. Contact the church office or click the link on our homepage for an application.

NAMETAGS - Everyone is encouraged to wear a nametag on Sunday mornings. If your nametag needs updating, you can leave it in the box on the table, or in the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS - You are encouraged to write your prayer requests on the prayer slips as you enter the Nave. There is a basket to put them in, which will be given to Pastor Glenn before the service starts.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Rm. - bring something to share.
- 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir rehearsal, upstairs
- 1:00 p.m. Chenango Change, Founders Room

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm./Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Garden Club, Founders Rm.
- 6:30pm Girl Scouts, Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen
- 5:15 p.m. Free meal at St. Bartholomew's, East Main St., Norwich
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Founders Rm., Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm.
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Study at Christ Lutheran Church
- 6:00 p.m. *Outgrow* Lenten Study, Chapel and Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir, Nave

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm.
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Mayflower Room
- 6:00 p.m. SOAR Group, Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 9:00 a.m. Diaper Giveaway at First Baptist Church (until 11 a.m.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, joint service with BSUMC
(*Walk in procession or drive to BSUMC*)
- 10:30 a.m. (approx.) Passion Service
- 11:30 a.m. Hand Bells, upstairs
- 1:00 p.m. Chenango Change, Founders Rm.

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PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. Glenn Mahaffey

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter,
Breanna Rogers

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Rosey Matthews, Delilah Spiegel

Liturgist: Deb Phelps

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed 12 - 1 for lunch)



Just As I Am

lyric by Mary Williams

Just as I am, You call my name. You raise the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. It features a series of chords, primarily triads and dyads, providing harmonic support for the melody.

dead; you heal the lame. You speak to me with

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4. The bass staff continues with chords, including a prominent triad of G2, B2, and D3.

tongues of flame. O Lamb of God I come, I come.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4. The bass staff ends with a final chord, a triad of G2, B2, and D3, held for a full measure.

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849

Gal. 6:14

John Bowring, 1825

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, From the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that
 o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of

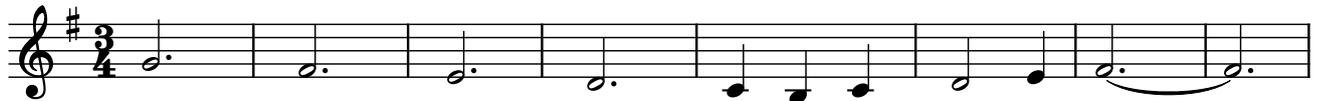
sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.
 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

John Bowring's goal "to do something which may connect my work with the literature of the age" was attained with this enduring hymn. The gifted Bowring studied 200 languages and wrote extensively in many fields.

Tune: RATHBUN 8.7.8.7.
 Ithamar Conkey, 1849
 Alternate setting: TOMTER

Deep Peace

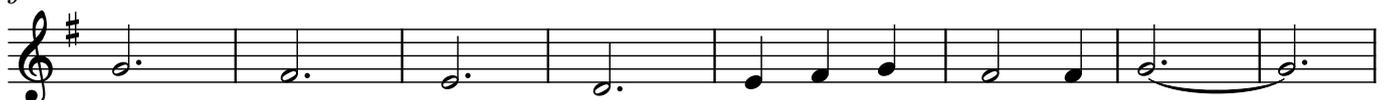
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Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you._____

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._____".