

**Children  
should be  
seen &  
heard  
*especially in*  
church**



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**June 5, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pentecost Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
Intergenerational Sunday**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Pie Jesu*

by Gabriel Fauré

Leona Tyler, soloist  
(Music Scholarship Recipient)

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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\*Please stand if you are able.

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Psalm 104 is a paraphrase based on *Everyday Psalms* by James Taylor, published by Woodlake Books.

The Pastoral Prayers are from Thomas a Kempis, 15<sup>th</sup> century and Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury River Valley.

The Commission is from *Women and Worship*.

## **GATHERING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Today is a special day!

**ALL: Today is Pentecost!**

ONE: Today is the church's birthday!

**ALL: Today is Pentecost!**

ONE: Today we celebrate God's love shown to us through the promise and presence of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Red is the color of Pentecost!**

**Red is the color of love!**

**God loves us and we love God! Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN** *This Is The Day*  
(Tune: THIS IS THE DAY)

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### **TIME OF SHARING**

#### **INCLUSIVE CHURCH PRAYER** (Brad Morrison)

Fire-borne God,

before the violence of your passion

no separating wall can stand:

may your unseen Spirit pour herself upon young and old,

male and female, gay and straight,

throw our borders into confusion

and give us a new language of love;

through Jesus Christ the Image of God's Being. Amen.

#### **TEACHING THE WAY OF JESUS** (Brad Morrison)

**\*HYMN** *Help Us Accept Each Other* Insert (v. 1)  
(Tune: AURELIA)

#### **PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE**

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE (An Offertory Prayer)**

ONE: We love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**ALL: We pledge our whole selves to God.**

ONE: We love our neighbors as ourselves.

**ALL: We pledge to do justice as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation.**

ONE: We love one another as Jesus loves us.

**ALL: We pledge to be and become Christ's Beloved Community in our life together.**

ONE: We make disciples by teaching and modeling how to follow Jesus' Way of Love.

**ALL: We pledge to be Jesus' disciples sharing Jesus' Way of Love in the way we live our lives and practice our faith.**

*Offering plates are located at both doors for your convenience as you enter or exit the Nave.*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1–14A

Pew Bible OT p. 683

**A RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 104:24–34

ONE: Every year at Pentecost we read part of Psalm 104 which is about God's ongoing creation and renewal of the earth. We use this psalm at Pentecost to affirm that God is indeed the source of all life. It is a reminder to us that the Spirit of life the disciples experienced at Pentecost and we too can experience today has always been present and available. This Spirit – this breath of God – is what sustains and renews the whole universe. Without this Spirit – this breath of God – nothing would exist. All would die! And so with the whole creation we say:

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.**

ONE: You make everything, God You imagine it, and it happens.

**People: You breathe on it and give it life.**

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.**

ONE: We like to think we look after ourselves with trade and commerce, with boats that plow the seas, with trains and trucks and planes.

**People: We braid our lives with busy-ness.**

ONE: Yet everything owes its life to you;

**People: everything continues to depend on you for life.**

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.**

ONE: You bring forth food from the earth, from the seas, from the skies.

**People: By your bounty all are fed.**

ONE: If you withdraw your favor, we all perish

**People: Without you, we are no more than a collection of chemicals.**

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.**

ONE: But you put your breath of life into us.

**People: With each new generation, you renew us.**

ONE: Our living bodies reveal your spirit.

**People: May our living be acceptable to you, our Lord.**

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope* by Douglas Nolan  
 Music by David Angerman  
 and Douglas Nolan

**SERMON** Change/Pentecost Acts 21:21

### **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND RECOGNITION SENIORS**

### **INTERLUDE**

*Spirit of the Living God* by Daniel Iverson, 1926  
 Tune: IVERSON

## ***THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

### **INVITATION:**

**ONE:** In Luke's Gospel we read that Jesus, at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of the believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

**ALL: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**ONE:** Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

**ALL: We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.**

**ONE:** We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm.

**ALL: We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

**ONE:** We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is

my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**ALL:** In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**ONE:** Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

### **BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE**

*(Please lift up your elements as we break bread and pour wine)*

### **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

*(Open and partake of the elements at this time.)*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS**

### **A POEM TO PREPARE US TO PRAY**

#### **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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Let Every Christian Pray*  
(Tune: LAUDES DOMINI)

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**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**COMMISSION**

ONE: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give  
unto you."

**ALL: We give thanks for the peace of Christ.**

ONE: Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

**ALL: We embrace the love of Christ.**

ONE: Jesus said, "The Spirit will come and stay with you  
forever."

**ALL: We go forth in the power of the Spirit.**

ONE: Go in peace and love, and live Spirit-filled lives all of  
your days.

**ALL: Amen!**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rush of Wind, Tongues of Fire*

by Richard Blake



## 2022 Sunday School Recognition

8<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STOLE (10 year recognition) (Ten Commandments)

Gwendolyn Breese, Melodie Posner

6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STOLE (Candle-The Light is always with us)

Luci Yantz, Mya Yantz

5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STOLE (Olive leaf- Anointed)

Leona Tyler

2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR STOLE (Crosses- Jesus is always with us)

Kimberly Starker (online)

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Riley Starker - age 3 (online)

## High School Graduate Recognition

Shea Breese (Norwich High School)

Josiah Tyler (Norwich High School)

## CALENDAR

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave or livestream  
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir, Chapel  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

### MONDAY JUNE 6

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
1:30 p.m. Tutoring, kitchen  
2:00 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons  
3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom  
3:30 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Zoom

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

12:30 p.m. S. Marson tutoring  
1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Meeting, Founders' Rm.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

3:30 p.m. J. Handy, Lessons

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12 - Pride Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Worshp Service, Nave

or <[www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2)>**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to sign the attendance pads found in each pew and pass them on to others in your row. If you've already given us your contact information, you don't need to fill that in each week unless there is a change.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO** Rev. David Gaewsky for the loss of his wife, Sueli on May 27th.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARILYN KOCHERSPERGER** will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, at the Rogers Environmental Education Center, 2721 State Highway 80, Sherburne, NY 13460, where the Rev. Mary Rublee, pastor, Broad Street United Methodist Church of Norwich, will officiate.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lynne Walton, who will be ordained a Deacon in The Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Lynne has been the Outreach Coordinator at Emmanuel Episcopal Church for the last ten years and has worked with our Deacons many times to help people in need in the community.

The public is cordially invited to attend the ceremony in-person or online at [cnyepiscopal.org/ordination-walton](http://cnyepiscopal.org/ordination-walton). A festive free cookout will follow at Emmanuel's Parish House.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES GO INTO OUR MEMORIAL GIFTS FUND?** These funds are used to provide annual scholarships to covenant members who are attending college, up to \$1,000 total each year. It is also used to purchase gifts for the church which are fitting memorials, such as the communion set, the offering plates, furniture and pianos. The Memorial Gifts Fund relies solely on memorial donations and is not funded through our annual budget. (You may remember we provide the opportunity at Easter for Memorial Giving now instead of offering flowers in memory of loved ones.) After the 2022 scholarships are given out this summer, the balance of the Fund will only allow for one more year of scholarships. Please consider giving a gift in memory of a loved one to the Memorial Gifts Fund at any time during the year. Donations should be marked "Memorial Gifts" and put in the offering plate or given to the Parish Coordinator.

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:**

Interim Pastor: **Rev. John Steitz**  
Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**  
Organist: **Jason Handy**  
Director of Children's/Youth Ministries: **Linda Oehme**  
Provisional Director of Inclusive Church Ministries: **Braderick Morrison**  
Sunday Sexton: **Shea Breese**  
Live Stream: **Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney**  
Soloist: **Leona Tyler**  
Readers/Participants: **Shea Breese, Fiora Breese, Gwendolyn Breese  
Gary Gray, Miranda Hunter, Elspeth Hunter  
Liam Hunter, Jennifer Mallozzi, Brad Morrison  
Bob Oehme, Melodie Posner, Jessica Posner  
Kimberly Starker, Leona Tyler, Josiah Tyler  
Ericka Tyler, Mary Williams**

**NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 6/12 - Pride Sunday**

Usher: Ericka Tyler  
Liturgist: Miranda Hunter  
Flowers: Oehme

Watch a live stream of our service Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at  
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**MINISTERS:** All the People  
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**CHAIR OF DEACONS:** Mary Williams  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Mary Williams  
**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRIES:** Linda Oehme  
**PARISH COORDINATOR:** Cheri Oakley  
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## **UCC Norwich Reopening Guidelines**

Revised 03/31/22

COVID Protocols that have been modified:

- Face coverings in the church building will be optional
- Social distancing of 6 feet is still recommended.
- Childcare will be available again beginning in September 2022
- Parishioners may choose their own seating in the Nave. Distancing between non-family groups is still recommended.
- Hymnals, Pew Bibles will be accessible in the pew racks and may be used.
- Congregational singing is now permitted.
- Prayer requests may be spoken during the worship service or may be submitted in the prayer basket. (Usher will bring microphone around to congregation. Microphone cover will be supplied)
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24, 2022 and will be hosted and coordinated by the Deacons.

COVID Protocols that remain in place:

- Passing of the peace will continue to be suspended at this time.
- Offerings will be collected by placing your envelope in a basket upon entering or exiting the Nave.
- Communion will be offered in the pews using individually portioned elements.
- Hearing assistive devices will be available for those that need them. You will receive the headset in a bag. Please write your name on the bag and store the headset in the same bag for use during future services.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located near the Nave entrance hall and in each pew. Please wash your hands or use sanitizing stations frequently.
- We ask that if you are not feeling well and /or may be exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, that you refrain from attending until you feel better.
- Disinfection Plan: our Custodian will disinfect all high touch surfaces, including rest rooms and seating areas, before and/or after weekly services.