



Music Sunday

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

June 19, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**Music Sunday
Father's Day**

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

“Träumerei,” from *Kinderszenen*
(Scenes From Childhood)

by Robert Schumann

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 150)

ONE: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

ALL: **Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing
greatness!**

ONE: Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

*Please stand if you are able.

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**ALL: Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**
ONE: Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
**ALL: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Has Shaped
(Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN)

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TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH PRAYER

God of truth uncovered,
you trace the sparrow's flight,
and plumb the secret places of the heart:
bring our fear and conflict
into the light of your presence;
help us to lose our hollow life
and find our way to you;
through Jesus Christ, the master and the slave. Amen.

TEACHING THE WAY OF JESUS

***HYMN** *Help Us Accept Each Other*
(Tune: AURELIA)

Insert (v. 3)

PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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.

*The offering plates are located at both doors of the Nave
for your convenience.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

Pew Bible OT p. 611

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible NT p. 69

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Journey

by Lloyd Larson

from the cantata *The Road to Bethlehem*

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

ONE: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

ALL: God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

ONE: You call the worlds into being,

ALL: create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

ONE: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

ALL: You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

ONE: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot,

ALL: conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

ONE: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,

ALL: creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

ONE: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others,

ALL: to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

ONE: You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

ALL: courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal
life in your realm which has no end.

ONE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN**

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
(Tune: ENGELBERG)

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BENEDICTION

ONE: In Christ Jesus we are set free for joyful service.
Go and tell the world what God has done for you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Lift Every Voice and Sing" John G. Barr
Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE
by J. Rosamond Johnson

Bulletin Notes:

The *Inclusive Church Prayer* comes from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare, Church Publishing: New York, 2009.



Watch a live stream of our service Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at
www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2

Past worship services can be viewed at
www.uccnorwichny.org/sermons

Music Ministry Participants 2021-2022

A special thank you to all of the musicians who have participated with the Music Ministries of our church over the past year.

CHOIR

The following musicians participated in the virtual choir projects either in today's service or in the past year. Individuals marked with * participated with our choir in *The Journey* from the cantata.

Sopranos

Pat Burke
Meena Conant
Jessica Hoople*
Elspeth Hunter
Kaitlyn Jackson*
Kacie Turnbull
Ericka Tyler
Leona Tyler
Jessica Posner

Bass

David Burch*
Bob Oehme

Altos

Brooke Bonney*
Megan Carpenter
Bonnie Connolly
Miranda Hunter
Jennifer Mallozzi
Linda Oehme
Mary Williams

Tenors

Jason Handy
Michael Moren*
Brad Morrison
Pete Williams

HANDBELL RINGERS AND SUBSTITUTES

Megan Carpenter
Hannah DeBates
Maxine Gage
Jason Handy
Elspeth Hunter
Liam Hunter
Janet Johnson
Alyssa Jutting

Bob Oehme
Linda Oehme
Amy Rogers
Dan Thompson
Ericka Tyler
Josiah Tyler
Leona Tyler
Pete Williams



Questions for Reflection

When do I feel the most separated from God? When do I feel closest to God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God,
today I will be tempted to wander away from you.
By your Spirit, guide me in the ways you want me to go.
I may become discouraged by my own limitations or by interactions I have with others. Direct my thoughts and words and actions so that they reflect your love, not only for me, but also for those around me. Remind me today and every day that, in Jesus Christ, I belong to you. That will be enough. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of day and night,
as shadows lengthen let me gather my thoughts and feelings before you. Thank you for your presence today. Watch over me through the night. Be with those who are wakeful, either because they are doing their work, caring for others, or because of trouble that will not let them rest. Grant to all your peace, and the promise that your kingdom is coming as surely as the morning light. In this hope let all your people trust, giving you thanks and praise tonight, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

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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.

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING next week- Sunday June 26 following the worship service. All covenant members are encouraged to attend to vote on the slate of new board members. Reports were sent to the congregation on June 17. Copies will also be available on June 26.

FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY are welcome at the **2nd Annual Pride Luncheon, June 26, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.** at the Bohemian Moon, 103 E Main St., Norwich. Buffet style event. \$20 per person includes tax and tip. Cash bar. RSVP to 607-334-9480 or <thebohemianmoon@gmail.com>.

OUR PARISH COORDINATOR, Cheri Oakley, will be out on medical leave for six weeks starting June 22. Her position will be covered by Linda Oehme and Jen Mallozzi. See the insert for details on who is responsible for what duties during this time.

IF YOU NEED HELP with something, please reach out to the church office, a Deacon or Pastor John. We're here to help each other.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - Music Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Nave

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave

or <www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2>

3:00 p.m. Service at Chenango Valley Home

6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

MONDAY JUNE 20

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.

4:00 p.m. J. Handy Students Dress Rehearsal, Nave

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen

7:00 p.m. J. Handy Students Recital, Nave

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

12:30 p.m. S. Marson tutoring

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave

or <www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2>

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting and Coffee Hour, Founders' Rm.

6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

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**

Usher: Ericka Tyler

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - June 26

Usher:

Liturgist:

Flowers:

The flowers are given in memory of Miriam H. Weiseman.

MINISTERS: All the People

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. John Steitz, 215-820-1650 (cell)

MODERATOR: John Kolb

CHAIR OF DEACONS: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRIES: Linda Oehme

PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - By appointment only.

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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.