



First Corinthians 12:13



Union Service  
United Church of Christ  
and  
First Baptist Church  
Norwich, New York



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**August 21, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Union Worship Service with First Baptist Church**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Harold Rutz  
Tune: AURELIA,  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE:** God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

**ALL:** God is our hope and our trust.  
Praise the Lord!

**INVOCATION**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Oh My Soul Bless Your Creator*  
(Tune: STUTTGART)

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\*Please stand if you are able.

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

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## **TIME OF SHARING**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Mary Williams

*(Children up to the age of five are welcome to go the Nursery at this time.  
The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the church)*

### **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.**

*Offering plates are located at both Nave doors for your convenience.*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 71:1-6

Pew Bible OT p. 588

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:10-17

Pew Bible NT p. 78

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me*

African-American Spiritual  
Tune: I'M SO GLAD

**SERMON** *Core Value: Neighborhood Engagement*

## **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**

#### **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** *Help Us Accept Each Other* Insert  
(Tune: AURELIA)

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Voluntary* George Berg

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

Lay Leader: **Christine Utter, First Baptist Church**  
Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler, United Church of Christ**  
Sharing the Word: **Jason Handy**  
Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**  
Organist: **Jason Handy**  
Children's Moment: **Mary Williams**  
Sunday Sexton: **Elspeth Hunter**  
Nursery: **Fiora Breese**  
Live Stream: **Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney**  
Usher: **Pete Williams**

### NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 8/28

Sharing the Word: Rev. Michael Krembs, First Baptist Church  
Usher: Pete Williams  
Liturgist: Ericka Tyler  
Flowers: Pat Burke

### *Questions for Reflection*

When are times that you are not open to God's healing? How does the knowledge of God's love and care for you open you more to God's healing? How do you seek God as a refuge in your daily life?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

God of life and love,  
we come to this new day refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest.  
Sustain us in the coming hours, that we might return this evening,  
inspired by your witness in the world and having done your will. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

Lord and keeper of our days,  
give us your rest this night. Release from us the burdens of the day.  
Awaken us, refreshed for your service at the dawn, upright in our praise  
and thanksgiving. Amen.

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Weekly Bible Study/Prayer is postponed until September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**We have some copies of our church cookbook in the office. If you would like a copy, they are \$10 in the office.**

**One Board Leadership Meeting is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM.**

**Fourth Saturday Diaper Distribution is this Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am. We are also accepting donations of all size diapers and pullups as well as wipe.**

**Men's Breakfast is also Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

## **UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY CARE** is available for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the building. Children are also welcome in the entire the service or can leave after the Children's Moment – whatever works best for your family.

**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.

### **CHURCH OFFICE STAFF HOURS FOR AUGUST**

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In-person by appointment.

**THE LIVESTREAM GROUP** is looking for a second intern to learn the Livestream Director role. This training will include instruction on the computer and software that are used in generating the weekly livestream of our worship service. If you are interested, please contact Jen Mallozzi at [jmallozzi@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:jmallozzi@uccnorwichny.org) or the church office at [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org), 607-334-3434.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

8/26 Chris McSweeney

8/25/2007 Jessica and Justin Posner

**THE LGBTQ+** Forum meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom for discussion, fellowship and fun. If you are interested in joining, contact the church office at 607-334-3434 or [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org).

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** – Please send your articles and information in to the church office no later than Monday, August 22.

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

### **UCC CALENDAR**

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with First Baptist Church, at UCC Nave  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Rm.  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

#### **MONDAY AUGUST 22**

##### **Deadline for Newsletter articles**

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

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Founders' Room  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

12:30 p.m. S. Marson tutoring

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with First Baptist Church, at UCC Nave  
Rev. Michael Krembs, First Baptist Church will share the Word. <[www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2)>  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room  
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

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

Past worship services can be viewed at  
[www.uccnorwichny.org/worship](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/worship)

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**MINISTERS:** All the People

**MODERATOR:** John Kolb

**CHAIR OF DEACONS:** Mary Williams

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Mary Williams

**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:** Jessica Posner

**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 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.