



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 28, 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** *Notturmo, Op. 54 No. 4*

Edvard Grieg

**WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God calls us to service,

**ALL: rather than honor.**

ONE: God, call us to love the unknown,

**ALL: rather than the familiar.**

ONE: We come to this time of worship,

**ALL: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**

ONE: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**INVOCATION**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Thank Our God For Brothers, Sisters*

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(Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR)

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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**

**CORE VALUE MOMENT - Spiritually Alive**  
Pat Burke

### **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**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Pew Bible OT p. 777

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible NT p. 78

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Tune: SERVANT SONG

Words and music by Richard Gillard, 1977

Arranged by Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977

**SERMON** *Broken Cisterns*

## **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

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*  
(Tune: DENNIS)

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### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Blessing and Honor*

Carl Simone



#### *Questions for Reflection*

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility? How can you seek out the stranger in your community? When have you realized that you were doing God's work, only after the fact?

#### *Household Prayer: Morning*

God, in the freshness of the new day, help us to retain clarity of vision so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom rather than the honor of the world. Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return filled by the grace of your spirit. Amen.

#### *Household Prayer: Evening*

God of compassion, help us to release the regrets of the day into your care. Refresh us in our sleep, that we may rise in the morning confident in your love and strengthened in our faith. Amen.



### 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help set up for Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (The Sale is 9/15 to 9/17). Contact Audrey Johnson at 607-843-6249.

## **COLORSCAPE CHENANGO**

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and  
Sunday, September 11, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in downtown Norwich.  
*Please be reminded that they use our parking lot for handicapped parking during those times. You are welcome to park in our parking lot Sunday morning to get to the church service.*

**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.

## **ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:**

Brooke Bonney and Chris Koo – 9/3/2020

**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).

**IF YOU NEED HELP** with something, please reach out to the church office or a Deacon. 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, 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' Rm.
- 6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom

### **MONDAY AUGUST 29**

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

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

9:00 a.m. AARP Driver Training, Founders' Rm.

12:30 p.m. S. Marson tutoring, upstairs

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – Welcome Pastor Jason**

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with First Baptist Church, at UCC Nave  
Communion - Rev. Jason Boyd 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

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

*No announcements this week.*

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

Sharing the Word: **Rev. Mike Krembs, First Baptist Church**

Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler**

Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**

Core Value Moment: **Pat Burke**

Organist: **Jason Handy**

Sunday Sexton: **Elspeth Hunter**

Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

Live Stream: **Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney**

Usher: **Pete Williams**

Bulletin Cover Art: **Judy Smith**

Flowers: **Pat Burke**

**NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 9/4**

Usher: available

Liturgist: Ericka Tyler

Flowers: Pat Burke

Watch a live stream of our service Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at  
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Past worship services can be viewed at  
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**MINISTERS:** All the People

**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 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.