

If anyone will not

welcome you
or listen
to your words,

shake off the dust from your feet
as you leave that house or town.



MATTHEW 10:14, NRSV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

June 18, 2023

10:00 a.m

Third Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Prelude Book 1 no. 21*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God who made the universe, the heavens and earth,

ALL: **Is still creating, now.**

ONE: Jesus the Messiah, born as one of us, who died as one of us,

ALL: **Lives in us, now.**

ONE: The Holy Spirit, moving over the waters of creation, descending upon the disciples and birthing the church,

ALL: **Moves in us, now.**

ONE: Come, worship God, knowing God's presence

ALL: **Is with us, now.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Call to Worship: Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

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***OPENING HYMN** *God Made From One Blood*
(Tune: ST. DENIO)

#427

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are invited to stay forward.)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIOR

Elsbeth Hunter

RECOGNITION OF LONG TERM MEMBERS

Every year on the day of our Annual Meeting in June we honor our long-term members of 40, 45 and 50 and above years of faithful membership.

72 Years

Edwin Tucker

63 Years

Jane Prime

71 Years

David Hall

57 Years

Allan Sawyer

67 Years

Patricia Whitmore

53 Years

Gary Gray
Victoria Gray

ANTHEM *Here I Am Lord*

Words and music by Dan Schutte
Adapted by Carlton R. Young

Congregation joins on refrain - see insert

PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

SUNG RESPONSE *Peace*

by Judy A. Rose

Peace be to you in all you do.

Peace be the way in all you say.

Peace be the light that shines so bright from your heart on the world this day.

Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.

Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

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 READINGS

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

Pew Bible OT p. 625

Pew Bible NT p. 10

REFLECTION *Keeping Our Feet Clean*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INTERLUDE *Prelude Opus 28 No. 6*

Frédéric Chopin

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

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** *We Would Be Building* #607
 (Tune: FINLANDIA)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude Opus 28, no. 20* Frédéric Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00am. The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the building.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO Bonnie Carpenter and her family for the loss of her husband, Henry Carpenter who died on June 10, 2023.

CALL TO THE 209th JUNE ANNUAL MEETING TODAY following the worship service in the Founders Room. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the 2023-24 Board Members and Officers.

PASTOR JASON WILL BE AWAY FOR SUMMER VACATION starting after church July 2 until July 25. During that time, Rev. Mary Rublee from Broad Street United Methodist Church will be available for emergency pastoral care. Her contact information will be available in the church office and the July newsletter.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER is next Thursday, June 22. Please submit your articles and news to Cheri in the church office - office@uccnorwichny.org

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. The Susquehanna Association has scholarship funds in the amount of \$50 per person per year for children and youth to attend faith-based summer camp programs located within NYS and approved by their church. Payments will be made within two weeks of receipt of the request. (Request for payment can be made from May- September.) For the application form, contact Cheri in the church office.

VBC IS COMING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (*Wait! What's VBC? Vacation Bible Camp. Formerly known as Vacation Bible School or VBS.*) VBC will take place **Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 - 7:30pm** on the grounds of Christ Lutheran Church, 94 North Broad St. Folks from several local churches are working to make it all happen, and this year's theme is *Holy Ever After*. We are in need of volunteers to help grill hot dogs and/or bring a grill for the grilling of hot dogs on Wednesday, July 26. Please let the church office know as soon as possible if you can help in this area.

WE ARE STILL WORKING to provide a safe and clean environment for worship and other activities. You can read our full COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS posted on the bulletin board and online.

CALENDAR

The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30pm & Fridays at 1:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship, Nave
11:00am Annual Meeting, Founders Room
11:00am Coffee Hour
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

MONDAY, JUNE 19

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen
3:30pm Erin Fischer Lessons, Nave

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom
6:00pm Interview, Nave
6:10pm Democratic Committee, Founders Rm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Deadline for July/August Newsletter

10:00am Interview, Nave
11:00am Free hotdog lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
4:00pm Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy
7:00pm Trustees Meeting, Zoom

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

SATURDAY JUNE 24

9:00am Diaper Give-away at First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

9:00am Nursery, upstairs
10:00am Worship, Nave
11:00am Coffee Hour
6:00pm LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom

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**The flowers are in memory of
Miriam H. Wieseman**

[Note: Miriam Wieseman was an active member from 1953-1972, when she moved from the area. She passed away in 1980 and a donation was made to provide flowers in her memory twice a year.]

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd

Liturgist: Elinor Beebe

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Pianist: Anita Humer

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Live Stream: Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney

Sunday Sexton: Elspeth Hunter

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Deacons

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 6/25

Usher:

Liturgist:

Flowers:

Coffee Hour:

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(Closed daily for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm