



WHO THEN IS THIS, THAT EVEN
THE WIND
AND
THE SEA
OBEY HIM?

MARK 4:41, ESV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Communion

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God and
Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire*

by Bill Cain

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let us go and see the works of God.

ALL: **How wonderful is God's handiwork!**

ONE: Come and listen, all you who love God.

ALL: **Hear what God has done for me.**

ONE: Blessed be God, who hears our prayers.

ALL: **And does not withhold love from us. Thanks be to
God.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you are present everywhere and in every time,
showing us that your handiwork is a testament of your love
for all of your creation. Despite your example of abiding love,
we confess that we have not always done what we ought to
do, but have done what we ought not have done. Cleanse us,
we pray. Fill us with your abiding Spirit, enabling us to live
lives that reflect the inclusive love of your son, our savior,
Jesus the Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* #459
(Tune: NETTLETON) (verses 1-3)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Down By the Riverside with Standing in the Need of Prayer
Traditional Spirituals
Arranged by Mary McDonald

BLESSING OF PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

*Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you:
hug, wave, fist bump, handshake. Children in grades 3-8 are
invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.*

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Insert

EASTER INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (UNISON)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for all your goodness and
for blessings too numerous to name. In gratitude, we lay
before you what you have first given us – ourselves, our time,
our treasure – dedicating all that we are and all that we have
to your service for the sake of Jesus, who gave himself for
us. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*Offering plates are located at both doors or
give online at www.uccnorwichny.org/give*

HYMN *Dear God, Embracing Humankind* #502
(Tune: REST) (verses 1-4)

SERMON

Rev. James K. Boodley

Tension Is Built Into the System

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible NT p.16)

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #342
(Tune; ST. FLAVIAN) (verses 1-2)

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 (Pew Bible NT p. 30)

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** *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way* #465
(Tune: ROCKINGHAM) (verses 1-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fuga*

Alessandro Scarlatti

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (closed 12- 1p.m.)

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Moderator: Pete Williams

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY is available for children up to age 5 upstairs beginning at 9:00 a.m.

IT'S TIME TO WRITE YOUR ANNUAL REPORT - If you are responsible for one of the following, please submit your report to the church office by May 29: *Executive Council, Nominating Committee, Board of Trustees, Memorial Gifts Committee, Board of Deacons, Historian, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, Knitting Group.* Copies of last year's reports are available from Cheri Oakley, Parish Coordinator. Email her at office@uccnorwichny.org or call 607-334-3434 and leave a message.

UNION SERVICE 5/19 - We will join in worship at the Broad St. United Methodist Church, 74 N. Broad St., at 10:30 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Plans are underway for a combined choir and for our handbell choir to play.

MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL CLUB presents Advanced Students and Scholarship Winners May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in our Nave. Since 1954, MEMC has been awarding scholarships to high school seniors going on to study music. Come and hear these talented students perform! Free and open to the public. Donations accepted for the scholarship fund. Livestream at Facebook.com/mondayeveningmusicclub

HOSPICE SPRING PLANT SALE - This year customers will purchase vouchers for their plant orders and then bring their vouchers to pick their plants up directly from the respective florists, Pires Flower Basket in Norwich and Mountain View Gardens in Sherburne, through **May 25**. (Vouchers and gift cards are not redeemable for cash.) Shop online at <https://hospicechenango.org/shop/> or check out the brochure on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Communion
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 2:30 p.m. Installation of Rev. Barbara Blom, Groton Community Church

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Knitting, kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Advanced Students and Scholarship Winners Recital - presented by Monday Evening Musical Club in our Nave. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center, E. Main St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders' Rm.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

SUNDAY, MAY 12 - Mother's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs
- 2:30 p.m. Installation of Rev. Barbara Blom, Groton Community Church