



TRINITY SUNDAY

**THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND
THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14, 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 26, 2024

10:00 a.m

Trinity Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving

Johannes Brahms

Melody by Johann Cruger, 1649

Harmonization by Johann Seb. Bach

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Be called to worship by the grace of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

ALL: **We will rejoice in the story of Jesus, whose graciousness abounds.**

ONE: Be called to worship by the love of God.

ALL: **We are in awe of God, who created us in love and loves us still.**

ONE: Be called to worship in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **We rejoice that we have been called to worship together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kind and gracious God, open our minds and hearts to the world around us. Shake us from our preoccupations with our own lives, that we may live in the wide panorama of human activities as instruments of your concern. Awaken us to those who need food, justice, comfort, or clothing. Stir us to care for those we cannot see, that our capacity for compassion may be used in your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(Tune: BEECHER)

#495 (vv. 1 & 2)

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

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

UNISON INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We worship you with our time, talent and treasure, O God. All are in response to your grace and love, which have given us all that we have and all that we are. We ask your blessing and your guidance as we share these gifts with those who need them most. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
(Tune: CHEREPONI)

#498 (verses 1-5)

SERMON: *The Final Exam*
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. James K. Boodley
(Pew Bible p. NT p. 29)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hear My Cry, Oh God
Elspeth Hunter, soprano

by César Franck

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.

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*
(Tune: SERVANT SONG)

#539

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale*

by Dennis Eliot



*The flowers are given by Norma Kinney,
in honor and memory of my aunt, Iva Marcoline
who taught me the most important things I know.*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

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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: Robert Oehme

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: Ed Tucker

Soloist: Elspeth Hunter

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke



**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/26/24**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 26 FOR
MEMORIAL DAY.**

OPEN POSITION: THE CHURCH TREASURER position will be open as of July 1. Anyone with an interest or experience in accounting is encouraged to apply. Please send a letter of interest to the church office at 11 West Main Street or email office@uccnorwichny.org.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL is reaching out to all members of the church with the request to consider serving on the next Executive Council beginning on July 1. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in learning more about being part of the leadership team.

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.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave, Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room
12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

MONDAY, MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, MAY 28

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center, E. Main Street
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom
7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Company, Founders Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave
7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Company, Founders Room

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Company, Founders Room

FRIDAY, MAY 31

7:00 p.m. Norwich Theater Company, Founders Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave, Sunday School
Strengthen the Church Offering
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders' Room
12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs