



If you spend  
yourselves in  
behalf of  
the hungry  
and ... the  
oppressed,  
then your  
light will  
rise in the  
darkness ....

Isaiah 58:10, NIV

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



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



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**June 2, 2024**

**10:00 a.m**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost; Communion**

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***PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** *Variations on Prospect of Heaven*

Tune SOUTHERN HARMONY, anon.

Setting by Daniel Berghout

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION MOMENT** - Strengthen the Church

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE:** You set before us, O God, the ways of life and death,  
blessing and curse.

**ALL:** **You set within us, O God, the freedom to choose  
between them.**

**ONE:** You are our God. We are your people.

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, life is full of choices and our way is not always clear.  
We confess we would be who you have created us to be, and  
do what you have called on us to do, but have not done so.  
Infuse our hearts, our minds, our bodies, our very being, we  
pray, with your Spirit. Stir us that we might know your**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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presence in our hearts and live faithfully to your design for all of humanity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Renew Your Church* #311 (vv. 1 & 2)  
(Tune: ALL IS WELL)

### **TIME OF SHARING**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Ericka Tyler

### **BLESSING OF PEACE (PASTOR)**

**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

(The choir will introduce the verse of the song this week. The congregation can join on the familiar refrain to start and end the song)

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (UNISON)**

**Gracious God, trusting in your assurance that we have already been given all that we need to be about your love and work, bless now these gifts, we pray, that they might be the vehicles of your Holy Spirit embodied in this time and place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Offering Envelopes for Strengthen the Church are in the bulletin.  
Offering plates are located at both doors or give online at  
[www.uccnorwichny.org/give](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/give)*

**ANTHEM** *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People* #181  
(Congregation joins on refrain.)

**SERMON** *A Light in the Darkness* Rev. James K. Boodley  
Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-8, 10-12 Pew Bible OT p. 764  
Matthew 5:13-16 Pew Bible NT p. 4

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* #342 (verse 1)  
(Tune: ST. FLAVIAN)

June 2, 2024

## 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

*Renew Your Church*  
(Tune: ALL IS WELL)

#311 (verses 3 & 4)

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Verbum Supernum (O Salutaris)* Opus 45, No. 8  
by Marcel Dupre

### 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:** 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:** Elinor Beebe

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Burke



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY** is available for children up to age 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. Located up the stairs at the front of the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children in grades 3 - 8 takes place during the service, after the Children's Moment.

**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](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org).

### **GUERNSEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

June 6 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - showing of the movie *Love, Simon*, followed by discussion.

June 8 - 10:00 a.m. - Mindfulness Hike to the stone quarry. Participants must be able to walk two miles and hike uphill. (Rain date June 15)

**THE PLACE** has announced their first Storybook Path - with funding from Community Foundation of SCNY, and collaboration with City of Norwich Youth Bureau and Guernsey Memorial Library. *Corduroy* by Don Freeman is offered along the path in Weiler Park in Norwich. This is a great reason get outside and enjoy a classic storybook with your child and family. Weiler Park is located on Borden Ave in Norwich.

## **CALENDAR**

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

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

### **MONDAY, JUNE 3**

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, Chapel and Zoom

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Soul Kitchen Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, West Main St.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

- 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