

Am I now
seeking
HUMAN
approval,
or
GOD'S
approval?



Galatians 1:10, 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 30, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Flat*

by Henry Smart
Edited by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: What then are we to say?

ALL: **Should we continue in sin that grace might abound?
By no means!**

ONE: In baptism we were made one with Christ on his death.

ALL: **And in baptism, we were made one with Christ in his
resurrection.**

ONE: We have died to sin and raised to new life.

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

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God of prophets and disciples, you send us out into a
world where we often cannot tell the serpents from the doves.
The good news of the kingdom of heaven seems less
pressing than the nightly news, town gossip, or our
neighbors' business. Yet we yearn to live new lives, free from
self-centeredness and petty concerns. Shake us, Lord. Set
our feet on a path to tell the world what you have done and
what you are continuing to do in Christ. In this name we pray.
Amen.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

***OPENING HYMN** *This Is the Day*

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TIME OF SHARING

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.*

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

Insert

UNISON INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Holy and immortal God, open our hearts to give according to the measure of the bounty you've bestowed upon us. Take our time into your eternity; our lives into your boundless vitality; and our treasure into the incomprehensible riches of your grace through Christ Jesus, our Lord. In whose name we pray. Amen.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Us Give Thanks For Unknown Blessings

Pete & Mary Williams

Words and music by Carol Browning;
Refrain based on a Quaker Blessing.

Verses based on Matthew 6:25-34
and Luke 12:22-32

SERMON

Authentic Faith vs. False Idols

Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture:

Psalm 96:1-6

Luke 7:1-10

Galatians 1:6-12

Pew Bible OT p. 609

Pew Bible NT p. 67

Pew Bible NT p. 198

INTERLUDE *Noah's Dove*

by Stan Pethel

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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** *Be Now My Vision*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *At His Table*

by Steven Scott

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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

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIFI IS AVAILABLE

Network Name: UCC-Guest

Password: uccguest

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.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN JULY 5 -

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Note: Cheri Oakley, our Parish Coordinator will be working from home on Wednesdays and can be reached by email that day.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS QUICKLY

APPROACHING. This year's theme is *Seasons in the Sun* and will again be held under the tent behind the Christ Lutheran church on August 11th through August 14th. The major celebrations of the church: Advent; Christmas; Palm Sunday/ Easter; and Pentecost will be covered. Each evening will begin with a kid-friendly meal followed by music, an object lesson, crafts, games, and more food. Participating churches are Broad Street UMC, Christ Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church and United Church of Christ. **Volunteers are needed.** All that is required is a desire to be with youth and the completion of the Safe Sanctuary class that will be offered online on Aug 3rd. There is a volunteer meeting on July 31st, 6:00 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact Cheri in the church office.

THE LATEST DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are now available.

Copies of *The Upper Room* and *These Days*, both beginning in July, are on the table outside the church office.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room

MONDAY, JULY 1

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THURSDAY, JULY - 4 Independence Day

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Church Office Summer Hours begin today. See announcements.

SUNDAY, July 7

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion, Nave
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Founders Room