



Pray...

that I will
fearlessly
make known
the mystery
of the gospel.

EPHESIANS 6:19, NIV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Three Watercolors #1 Dawn Praise*

by Gregory Hamilton

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to God bearing many burdens.

ALL: **Lamb of God, you've come to show us a new path.**

ONE: We come to God with concerns about our community and our world.

ALL: **Lamb of God, you've come to show us new options for our journey with you.**

ONE: Let your loving kindness be upon us, O Lord.

ALL: **Lamb of God, grant us peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O creator of all, like Paul, we cry out, "Who will rescue us?" Thanks to you, O God, for you have given us a firm foundation and certain hope in your son, Jesus. O Christ, our

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

2 Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

peace; O Christ, our hope; O Christ, our freedom, pour God's Holy Spirit into our hearts that we might more perfectly love you as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come Now, Almighty God

#275

BLESSING OF PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with all of 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

TIME OF SHARING

UNISON INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We offer you these gifts and our giving, O Lord, trusting that you will multiply them into vehicles of your love, justice, servanthood, and peace-making. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Still We Sing Alleluia*

Words and music by Paulo K. Tiról

Written on April 5, 2020

— day 25 of the COVID-19 quarantine

Steve Emmons, soloist

SERMON *The 'Armor of God' vs. the Gospel of Jesus*

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible NT pp. 208

INTERLUDE *Peace In Christ*

by Nik Day

Arranged by Carter Larsen

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

August 25, 2024

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 (vv. 1-3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joyful Jig* by Patricia Lou Harris

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Soloist: Steve Emmons

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Pat Burke

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CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

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



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.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ALLAN SAWYER will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at the Sawyer's home, 8621 Brown Road, Sherburne. You are all invited and welcome to come.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday September 22 - Potluck Luncheon and Action Committee Information Event after the service. More information coming soon.

THE PLACE is holding a raffle fundraiser - \$5.00 for a chance on SIX sports prizes – the drawing will be October 26. Please support The Place through this Raffle - tickets are available from Norma Kinney - kln54@yahoo.com

CHENANGO CO. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNUAL YARD SALE

Route 12 just north of the Village of Oxford, next to Mirabito's

Thursday September 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday September 13, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday September 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed. Call Audrey Johnson 607-843-6249

THE STORY TOUR will be in Norwich on Saturday, September 7 at the Norwich High school at 6:30 p.m. Facing unbeatable odds? An addiction? A Mountain in your life? Your story's not over. You are invited for a night of hope and healing for the hurting and struggling. Come and hear the many stories of how God has moved in people's lives. (Some stories and topics covered may not be suitable for young children.) Tickets can be purchased at www.thestorytour.org or call 570-506-8100.

OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY is in need of soups of any kind. In addition, they can always use donations of hygiene products, non perishable goods and monetary donations. They are located in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 37 W. Main St. They are open Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life for Allan Sawyer (see announcements)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Chapel Carpet Installation

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Chapel Carpet Installation

11:00 a.m. Free Bag Lunch at Broad St. UMC

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

11:00 a.m. Free Lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion, Nave

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour