



...let your
faithful
rejoice
in your
goodness.



2 Chronicles 6:41, NRSV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: While our days are unpredictable and we do not know what is to come,

ALL: **We do not fear the future; we know God will be there to guide us.**

ONE: When we hear rumors of chaos, we will not fear. We will stand fast in faith.

ALL: **We will put our faith in God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, each of whom journey with us daily. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

2 **Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer, confident that you are eager to hear us. For those who cry out against injustice, help us to be your instruments of justice. For those who cry out for peace, help us to be a means to bring about peace. For those who yearn for a brighter future, help us to be your light in the world. Oh Lord, help us to be willing and able to follow your son into a world that needs your love more than ever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #31

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ericka Tyler

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*
Words and music by Stuart Townend
arranged by Michael Lawrence.

Clarinet Trio

Fiora Breese, Heavenly Mahaffey, Lily Turnbull

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.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Insert

Children in grades K-3 are invited to go upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

TIME OF SHARING

SERMON *Willfully Ignoring Jesus* Rev. James K. Boodley

Scripture

Pew Bible NT p. 19

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (*Tune #7*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, in whom all grace we know.
Praise to the Spirit, evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. (Amen.)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Generous God, we give back to you but a small portion of what you have given us. You have given us life, creativity, a desire to serve you, and each other. Accept these gifts, we pray, with our gratitude for your provision and everlasting care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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** *Thank God for Sisters, Brothers* #397

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO Dave Burch and his family for the loss of his father, Homer Burch on September 23, 2024.

HOSPICE DINNER - as of this printing, there are still **TWO seats available** at our UCC table at the Hospice Celebrity Dinner on October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Canasawacta Country Club. The cost of your dinner is covered by the church's purchase of the table, but there is the expectation that attendees will tip the celebrity waiters often and participate in wine draws and other fundraising activities. Details can be found on the bulletin board. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pete Williams today or contact the church office.

AED TRAINING - The church will be installing an **Automated External Defibrillator or AED** machine. A training class on it's use is being offered to our congregation on Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. Class size is limited. Sign up in the church office.

FREE 2B ME YOUTH GROUP is held on Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting today. This is a safe space for anyone in 5th - 12th grade to come hang out, enjoy some music and games, and experience an environment where you can be free to be completely YOU! Stay tuned for additional announcements and updates via email, the weekly church bulletin and newsletters!

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave

Sunday School K-3 upstairs

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Free 2B Me Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen

1:00 p.m. Worship Meeting, Zoom

4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center

7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Founders Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:00 p.m. Hospice Fundraising Dinner, Canasawacta Country Club. Two free seats still available at UCC table. See announcements.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - World Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs

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

Neighbors in Need Offering taken.

Sunday School K-3 upstairs

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Free 2B Me Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)

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LINK TO ONLINE GIVING
www.uccnorwichny.org/give

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Ed Tucker

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Soloists: Fiora Breese, Heavenly Mahaffey, Lily Turnbull

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Coffee Hour: Rose Laughlin

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (*Closed 12 - 1 for lunch*)

Friday

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

