



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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

October 6, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Prelude in A*

by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Neighbors in Need

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O Lord, open our hearts.

ALL: And my lips shall sing your praises joyfully.

ONE: My delight is in the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

ALL: I rejoice in God's Holy Spirit day and night.

ONE: God will prosper the faithful, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have often gone where we have chosen, have done what we wished to do, and have ignored your holy presence with us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to turn our lives around and walk in your ways as the Holy Spirit guides us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

***OPENING HYMN** *There's a Spirit in the Air* #294 (vv. 1-5)
(choir only on verse 3)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ericka Tyler

ANTHEM *We Are The Body of Christ* by Emily Lund
Cheri Oakley, flute based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

PASSING OF THE PEACE (PASTOR)

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 upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

TIME OF SHARING

SERMON *Altruism* Rev. James K. Boodley
Scripture
Matthew 25:34-40 Pew Bible NT p. 29
Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible NT 73

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* #330

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 Pew Bible NT p. 30

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Melody* by Flor Peeters

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.)

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UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign that we rely on you and desire to celebrate your presence among us. Bless and multiply these offerings to the glory of your son's holy name. In his 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** *As We Gather at Your Table*

#332

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joyful!*

By Ruth Elain Schram

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley

Liturgist: Miranda Hunter

Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams

Organist: David Burch

Livestream Director: Jennifer Mallozzi

Livestream Staff: Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

Sunday Sexton: Mya Yantz

Nursery: Fiora Breese

Ushers: Deb and Joe Phelps

Coffee Hour: Donna and Michael Moren



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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.

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.

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 tomorrow, Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. Class size is limited. Sign up in the church office.

ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING DATE CHANGE - The Budget Meeting will now be held on Sunday, October 20, following the service in the Founders Room. All are encouraged to attend.

WANTING TO HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HELENE?

The UCC National Disaster Ministries are in touch with conference staff in the Southern, Southeast and Florida Conferences as they work to contact local congregations and become aware of their needs. Go to

<https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief> for information about donating online, and a remote

volunteer opportunity. Checks can be sent to United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland OH 44194 - put "Hurricane Helene" in the memo.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS - HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Donate Non-Perishable Food (no glass): Rolled Oats, Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Stuffing Mix - Bring in anytime on or before November 10th. A container will be available in the Founders Room.
 2. Money to help purchase food in bulk. Bring to the church office or put in the offering plate. Be sure you mark it for Thanksgiving Boxes.
 3. Volunteer - There will be a sign up sheet available later in October.
- For more information, talk to Jessica Strough (607-373-7158).

MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL CLUB presents Past Scholarship Winners Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave and livestreamed on Facebook. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted for the scholarship fund.

CALENDAR

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

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)

MONDAY OCTOBER 7

Church Office will open at 1:00 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, kitchen
- 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 2:00 p.m. S. Ticknor, Nave
- 6:00 p.m. AED Training, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Musical Club Concert, Nave. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers, Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, St. Bart's Parish Center
- 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 1:00 p.m. Worship Meeting, Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 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)