

All Saints' Day

**“But the
holy people
of the Most High
will receive
the kingdom
and will possess
it forever—yes,
for ever and ever.”**

DANIEL 7:18, NIV

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



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



An Open and Affirming Church

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost • All Saint's Day

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Voluntary in B Flat*

by Sir Edward Elgar
Edited by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

ALL: **Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

ONE: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are the apple of God's eye, the sheep of God's pasture.

ALL: **Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the Lord's courts with praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we remember those who have come before us, O God, we sometimes forget that you are the source of all blessings and plenty. Forgive us, we pray, when we are slow to thank you for all that you have provided. Remind us that all we have been, all that we are, and all that we hope to be have taken place and will continue to take place in your holy presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *For All the Saints*

#299 (vs. 1-3)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

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

2 Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

ANTHEM *When the Saints Go Marching In* African American spiritual
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Hand Bell Choir: Dave Burch, Maxine Gage, Janet Johnson,
Heavenly Mahaffey, Bob Oehme, Amy Rogers, Destinie Smith,
Ericka Tyler, Mary Williams, Pete Williams

PASSING OF THE 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 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday School at this time.

TIME OF SHARING

SERMON: *When All Seems Lost – Raising Lazarus from the Dead*
Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE: John 11:32-44 Pew Bible NT p. 109

INTERLUDE

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken* #346

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, help us to take our place in your grand plan for your creation. Bless our tithes and offerings, we pray, as indicators we realize we are continuing the work that those before us did on your behalf and that our work in the world is not yet done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED THIS PAST YEAR

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

ATTENTION ONLINE VIEWERS: the Worship Team is looking for two volunteers to participate in a short reading to be included in our Stewardship Sunday service on November 10. It would involve filming yourself reading part of the Stewardship liturgy. Contact the church office or Mary Williams for more information or if you would like to participate.

THE WORSHIP TEAM is looking for five family groups/pairs to participate in the Advent and Christmas Eve candle lighting liturgy on Sundays 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 12/22 and Christmas Eve 12/24. This would involve reading some short passages and lighting a candle. Contact the church office or Mary Williams for more information or if you would like to participate.

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DONATIONS - Bring in stuffing, oats (for apple crisp), canned vegetables and other non-perishable food items for inclusion in our food baskets. There is a barrell in the Founders Room.

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas decorations will be put up on Saturday, December 7 starting at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed. There will be pizza available for lunch. See Rose Laughlin for details.

HOSPICE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - for individuals in Chenango County who are caring for a loved one and feeling isolated or overwhelmed. This is a bi-weekly group starting November 7, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Free and open to the community. New members can register anytime. For information or to join please call 607-334-3556 to register.

BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is collecting clean coats, socks, gloves, scarves, and hats to supply a FREE coat rack made available to those who need them. Drop your donations off at BSUMC Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Your contribution will make a real difference in keeping our community warm this winter.

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion, Nave
Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. *Free 2B Me* Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)
- 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, Kitchen
- 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Room
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Musical Club Members and Area Music Teachers, Nave. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - Election Day

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 1:00 p.m. Worship Meeting, Chapel and Zoom

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - *Stewardship Sunday*
Sunday School grades 3-8, upstairs
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. *Free 2B Me* Youth Group, upstairs (Grades 5-12)
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John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Bind Us Together

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Words and Music by BOB GILLMAN

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love. We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine. We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine." The score ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

F Dm7 Gm
Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

6 C7 F Bb/C F
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

11 Dm7 Gm C7 F Fine
bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love.

17 F C7 F C7 F
We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine.

25 C7 F F/C C7 F D.C. al Fine
We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine.

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

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Reginald Heber, 1827; alt.

John 6:35-58



1 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
2 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the tears by



mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
sin - ners shed, And be your feast to us the to - ken



and in whose death our sins are dead,
that by your grace our lives are fed.



Author of a number of familiar hymns, Reginald Heber published the first modern English hymnal arranged according to the church year. The musical setting for this hymn was written by Episcopal priest and hymnal editor John Sebastian Bach Hodges.

Tune: EUCHARISTIC HYMN 9.8.9.8.

J. S. B. Hodges, 1868

Alternate tune: RENDEZ À DIEU

(sung in one stanza)