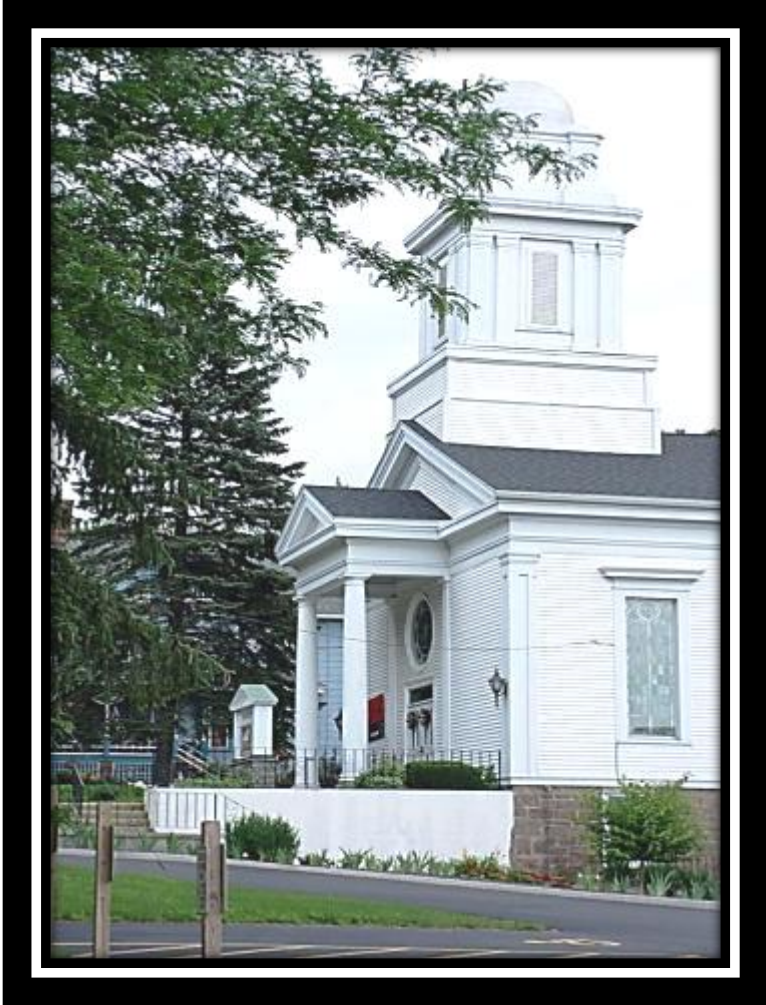


**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, January 09, 2021



**Welcome**

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us

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**January 9, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

\*Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or spirit

**Our hymns are selected from the New Century Hymnal**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Prelude:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are called to love the Lord our God:

**P: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.**

L: We are called to love our neighbors:

**P: We are called to love others as we love ourselves.**

L: We are called now, to worship God together:

**P: We will worship with all our mind and strength.**

**\*Opening Hymn: #174** "Hear the Voice of God, So Tender"

**Blessing of Our Gifts**

**P: You are our God; all good things come from you alone. You are our God; all we have is in your hands. You are our God; we will not be shaken:**

L: Receive our gifts, O God, and bless them, we pray. May they speed the coming of your kingdom in our community. Amen

**\*The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Caring God, we admit that our focus upon that which is good is easily swayed by

cynicism and doubt. We often obsess over mistakes and miss the blessings. God, please open our eyes that they might meet your healing gaze.

**P: Let us be healed of this blurred vision that has us missing what is good. Open our hearts and minds so we might see your rejoicing in us, your children. Amen.**

**Children's Time**

**GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Matthew 25:31-39**

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"A New Gaze for a New Year"**

**Organ Response**

**Prayers**

Prayers of the people

L: Lord, in your mercy:

**P: Hear our prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*Closing Hymn #181** "You are Salt for the Earth, O People"

**\*Benediction**

L: As we go from this place,

**P: We go forward with a refocused gaze!**

L: As we seek to live as Christ,

**P: We dwell in the sustaining peace of Christ!**

L: As we journey onward,

**P: We bask in the warm welcome of God's smile!**

L: Go now in Peace!

**Organ Postlude**