

*Hymn: "When in Our Music God is Glorified" NCH 561

*The Benediction

Postlude



Please join us after the service for refreshments & conversation in the church parlor.

Join us for discussion on the book, *How To End Christian Nationalism* by Amanda Tyler. Our next gathering is tomorrow, Monday, June 9 at 3pm, in the church office.

Come One, Come All! **Park Church Picnic**, Thursday, June 19, 12 Noon, Camp Odetah & Resort. Please join in and bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or direct to Karen Redanz using the button in the *Park Bench* ad. Her email address is karen.redanz@parkchurchnorwich1874.org. Also, you can call her by using your directory.

By June 20th, it will be appreciated to take the time to verify your personal information in the Members and Friends **Directory** 2024. Jean will be publishing the 2025 edition in July. Please email her, officemanager@parkchurchnorwich1874.org, or call 860-887-3747, with your updates.

In honor of **Pride Month**, Park Church is, once again, hosting the SE/CT Traveling Queer Movie Night on June 21, 7:00 PM in the parlor. The movie that will be shown is 'Late Bloomers'. Check out the *Park Bench* for details about the movie.

Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter, *Park Bench*, by emailing the office parkchurchnorwich@gmail.com



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PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ --*An Open and Affirming Congregation*
Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday



Antiphony leaf, Italian, 1300-1325

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Reverend Erica Wimber Avena, Interim Minister
Dr. Laura Hibbard, Music Director

Welcome Visitors, Friends, and Guests!

Please make your offering at the offering table on your way in or on your way out of the sanctuary, or arrange for online giving. The ministries of Park Congregational Church are supported by the generosity of our members and friends—together. Thank you for joining us.

Prelude	
Words of Welcome	
Introit	“Sing For Myself” arr. by Skye Shogren
Call to Worship	Judy Gordon, lay reader

God’s spoken words brought the world into existence
And all creatures chirped or howled their praise.
The trees clapped their hands,
The mountains echoed their joy, and the rivers babbled their praise.
When the music grew faint,
God sent us a new singer. Jesus was the new song of God’s love and grace –
A sustaining grace on the darkest night,
A persistent grace when the road is long,
Amazing grace when we do not know where to turn.
The song is strong; God’s love goes on and on.

*Hymn: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” NCH 42

*Opening Prayer

*Gloria Patri Pilgrim Hymnal 513
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music: “Will The Circle Be Unbroken” arr. By J. David Moore

** Please rise, if you are able.*

Litany of Confession
Spirit of the Living God, you poured out fire and language, song and courage.
We confess that we often resist your wild, creative movement.
Forgive us, O God, when we silence your voice.
Forgive us when we fear the unfamiliar or ignore the gifts of others.
You spoke through wind and wonder, drawing the people together.
Still, we confess that we are complacent with divisions which you would unite.
Forgive us for dull hearts and closed ears.
Forgive us when we fail to embrace your Spirit moving among us in word and in music.
You call every voice, every tongue, every melody into your praise.
**Let your Spirit fall afresh on us. Come, Holy Spirit—
breathe new life into our worship, renew our hearts, and tune our lives to your harmony of grace. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b pew Bible 544

*Hymn: “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” NCH 476
During the music, prayer cards will be collected.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 pew Bible 992

Sermon: “To Glorify God, and to Refresh the Spirit”

Special Music: “Seeking Light” by Brandon Williams

Sharing Joys and Concerns, and Pastoral 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology Pilgrim Hymnal 514
**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**