

\*Hymn      “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Pilgrim hymnal 440

\*The Benediction

Postlude

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

Subscribe to our weekly email, ‘Park Bench’ by emailing the office:  
parkchurchnorwich@gmail.com

Join us for discussion on the book, *How To End Christian Nationalism* by Amanda Tyler. Our next gathering is Monday, July 14 at 2:30 p.m., in the conference room. All are welcome.

Beginning July 20 through August 17 Park Church Mission will be collecting items for School Kits that will be distributed by St. Vincent DePaul Place for their younger clients. Your contributions will be appreciated to help educate children in our area to make a better life for themselves. Money or supplies will be gratefully accepted. Lists of items can be found in the Park Bench or hard copies will be available on the display in the hallway.

By using the QR Code below, it will provide easy access to VANCO, our secure on-line donation company to make a direct donation to Park Church electronically, if you so choose.



# PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ --*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

Sunday, July 6, 2025



Boston Tea Party, December 16, 1773

engraving in *The History of North America*, a 1799 book by William Cooper



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Our office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-3pm, and by appointment

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

Call to Worship Greg Carabine, lay reader

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of God’s name; give glorious praise!

**We come to celebrate the One whose power sustains and whose justice reigns.**

Come and see what God has done—awesome deeds among us, wonders that span generations.

**God has kept our souls among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

Let every authority, every heart, and every power be mindful: all are under God’s care.

**We honor what is just, we seek what is right, and we worship the One who holds all things together.**

**Let us worship God with joy and reverence—our Maker, our Guide, and our Sustainer!**

\*Opening Prayer

*\* Please rise, if you are able*

\*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.**

\*Hymn NCH 591  
“This is My Song”  
*During the music, prayer cards will be collected.*

Old Testament Reading pew Bible 517  
Psalm 66:1-9

Gospel Reading pew Bible 1034  
Romans 13:1-7

Sermon God and Country

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.**

Special Music by Keith Getty  
"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Sharing Communion:  
Invitation  
Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*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**