

PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Please join us after the service for refreshments & conversation in the church parlor in honor and farewell to Greg Carabine, who will be relocating to Virginia near his family.

Subscribe to our weekly email, 'Park Bench' by emailing the office:
officemanager@parkchurchnorwich1874.org

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 to collect 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.



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



“Good Samaritan” by Gunnar Bach Pederson
Norway, 2017

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 Dale Plummer, lay reader

We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our heart and soul
We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our mind and strength
We are called to love the Lord our God
And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us honor and share God’s love in this time of worship!

*Hymn: “Great Is your Faithfulness” NCH 423

*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:

** Please rise, if you are able.*

A Time of Farewell

Unison prayer:
Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, and the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14 pew Bible 185

*Hymn: “There is a Balm in Gilead” NCH 553
During the music, prayer cards will be collected.

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37 pew Bible 946

Sermon Under the Law

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**

*Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations” v. 1, 2, 4 NCH 576

*The Benediction

Postlude