

\*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: Congregation’s choice! Choose a favorite

\*The Benediction

Postlude



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

It is time for the **School Kits mission!** Help educate children in our area. Money or supplies will be gratefully accepted. You can use one of the backpacks provided, or purchase your own to be filled with the suggested contents. Lists of requested items can be found in the *Park Bench* and on the display in the hallway.

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# PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 27, 2025



The Lord's Prayer written in several languages on the Central Door of Glory facade by J.M. Subirachs Stone carving, Barcelona, Spain - Circa 1987

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 use our QR code 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 Judy Gordon, lay reader

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Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and doors will be opened to you.

**Those who ask receive, and the one who seeks finds, and to those who knock it will be opened.**

We come rejoicing in God's presence with us;

**We come trusting in God's steadfast love to direct us.**

Welcome to worship!

**We gather in the name of God, trusting in the love of God, ready to extend God's justice in the world.**

\*Hymn                      “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”    v.1-3                      NCH 286

## \*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 There Ever be a Morning" by Craig Hella Johnson, poem by Emily Dickinson. Sung by Akshi Viswanathan and Carrie Epstein

*\*Please rise, if you are able.*

## Litany of Confession

**May we honor your name not by paying it lip service, Lord Jesus but by trusting the vision it speaks of, and the way of life it calls for. May we honor your name by following you, by speaking The Word with our actions, and by revealing who we choose to follow.**

## May we love in your name

## Speak in your name

**care in your name;**

**And may that willingness to touch the outcast**

## feed the hungry

**remember the sick**

## visit the imprisoned

**clothe the naked**

**give water to the thirsty – all in your name.**

**May we bring you glory and bring mercy to your people. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 85 Bible p. 532

\*Hymn                      “Come Forth, O Love Divine”                      NCH 289  
*During the music, prayer cards will be collected.*

New Testament Reading      Luke 11:1-13      Bible p. 947

Sermon                      Thy Kingdom Come

## Music for meditation

## 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.**