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

### **Call to the 2025-2026 Annual Meeting**

The members of Park Congregational Church are hereby notified that the **Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2026**. A light lunch will be served immediately following the worship service and prior to the start of the meeting. A **Zoom option** will also be available for those who are unable to attend in person. Copies of the proposed Bylaws and Annual Report can be found on the giving table.

### **Church World Service Blanket Sunday**

Today we are receiving donations for the Church World Service Blanket Program, which provides blankets to people affected by natural disasters. For many, a single blanket may be their only possession—offering warmth, shelter, clothing, or a way to carry their belongings. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy wool or cotton-blend blanket for someone in need.

Subscribe to our weekly email, 'Park Bench' by emailing the office:  
[parkchurchnorwich@gmail.com](mailto:parkchurchnorwich@gmail.com)

The ministries of Park Congregational Church are supported by the generosity of our members and friends. You can make a secure online donation here:



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Our office is open Monday 8AM-4PM, Tuesday 1PM-5PM, Thursday 2PM-5PM,  
and by appointment

# **PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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

Communion Sunday, February 1, 2026



Reverend Erica Wimber Avena, Interim Minister  
Dr. Laura Hibbard, Music Director  
Karen Redanz, Religious Education Director

## Welcome Visitors, Friends, and Guests!

*Please make your offering at the giving table on your way in or out of the chapel, or use the QR code for online giving. Thank you for joining us!*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call for the Annual Meeting

Introit            Almighty and Everlasting God            Orlando Gibbons

Call to Worship            Alyssa Simonet-Selbe, lay reader

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;  
**Jesus calls us to worship.**

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;  
**Jesus calls us to love.**

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;  
**Jesus calls us to justice.**

Let us heed the call of Christ.

**Let us worship together with joy.**

\*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.**

\*Hymn            Dear God, Embracing Humankind            NCH 502  
*During the music, prayer cards will be collected.*

Old Testament Reading    Micah 6:1-8            pew Bible p.850

New Testament Reading    1 Corinthians 1:18-31            pew Bible p.1038

Sermon            Justice, Kindness, Humility

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

## 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

A Place at the Table

Mary McDonald

Sharing Communion:

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (*gluten free bread, and unfermented grape juice*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*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**

Pilgrim hymnal 514

\*Hymn            Renew Your Church

NCH 311

\*The Benediction

Postlude