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Thank you for joining us! Please join us after the service for refreshments and conversation in the church parlor.

Park Church is collecting non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed to the Norwich area disadvantaged by St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen.

Items being collected are: canned vegetables, canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and dessert fixings. Cash or checks are also being collected for the purchase of perishable foods such as turkeys. Collection will continue until November 22.

November Crafts Group will be meeting here at Park Church on Saturday, November 14th. A signup sheet is posted outside the parlor. Today is the last day to RSVP!

Subscribe to our weekly email, 'Park Bench' by filling out a welcome card or by emailing the office officemanager@parkchurchnorwich1874.org

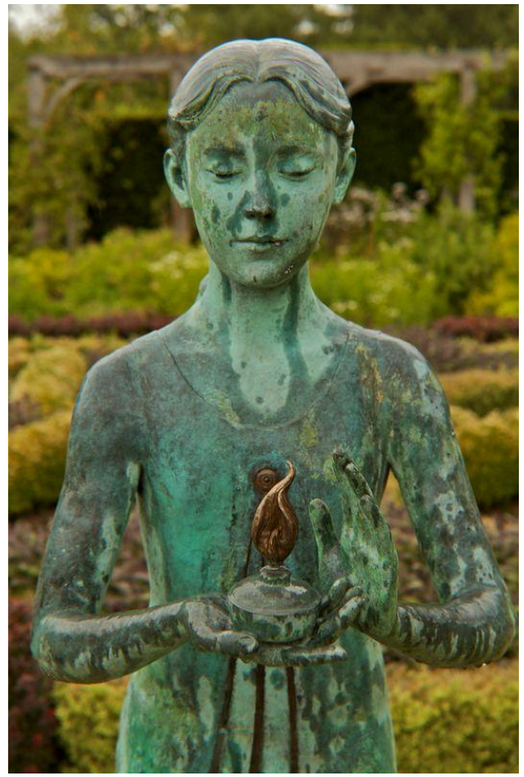
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PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Sunday, November 8, 2026



Lamp of Wisdom, Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire, UK

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

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship Judy Gordon, lay reader

This is the day and the hour of God's coming, with justice and righteousness, with hope and comfort.
Sometimes we are wise and sometimes we are foolish, sometimes watchful, and other times careless.
In all places and human conditions God is with us: in grief and sorrow and in our celebrations.
When we live as if there were no God, we may hear no response when we call for help – only the echo of our own doubts.
God is steadfast in love and faithfulness.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling NCH 43

*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

Children and youth are dismissed for Sunday School

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24 pew Bible 839

*Hymn O My Soul, Bless Your Creator NCH 13

During the music, prayer cards will be collected.

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:1-13 pew Bible 903

Sermon The Work of Waiting

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn Rejoice, You Pure in Heart NCH 55

*Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

**Please rise, if you are able.*