

UNITED Welcome to worship at United Church of Christ Norwell. Whether you are a member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first-time visitor, know you are welcomed here. We hope you will find your time among us inspiring and leave feeling strengthened and transformed by the love of God in Christ.

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Activity bags are also available for children to use (a Deacon or usher can assist you). Audio of the worship service can also be heard in the library. Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

This morning service is being live streamed and available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

United Church of Christ Norwell

We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

January 1, 2023 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Terry Martinson

*Hymn #149

Angels from the Realms of Glory v. 1-3

REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We come to you on this first day of the New Year, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be in service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord.

Let us bring our silent prayers of confession before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

Though the world swirls around you and exhaustion threatens to overtake you, rest your spirits in the great God of all creation who is now and forever. God will give you strength and restore your spirits.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Musical Response

Joy to the World v. 1, 3

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love. and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:38-48 Rev. Terry Martinson

Sermon Three Words for the New Year

Anthem Mary, Did You Know? Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene

Denise Miller, soprano

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering Rev. Terry Martinson

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we may greet each other by name. If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.

Offertory Come and Adore Arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Rev. Terry Martinson

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

(Grape juice, not wine, is served to all. Gluten-free is available in the center station.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #164 Good Christian Friends Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

*Benediction Rev. Terry Martinson

Postlude Ding Dong! Merrily on High French carol; Vytas Baksys, piano Arr. Lloyd Larson

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