



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.

**Listening devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available. Note:** if you remove both hearing aids to use a listening device, please store them apart from each other to avoid sound system feedback.

**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.

