

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.

Please note: This morning's service is being live streamed and will be broadcast by Harbor Media on Comcast and Verizon local channels. See announcements for details. The service is also 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 7, 2024 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #173 As with Gladness DIX

Mission Moment Greater Boston Interfaith Organization Rev. Meg Clapp

Musical Response O Thou Joyful! O SANCTISSIMA

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful grace revealing Christmastide!

Jesus came to win us from all sin within us; glorify the holy child!

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful love revealing Christmastide!

Loud hosannas singing and all praises bringing: may Thy love with us abide!

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Mark 1:4-11

Sermon By the Grace of God Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem What Was Your Vow and Vision? COMPLAINER

Sanctuary Choir

## We Respond to Gods Love

Prayers of the People Rev. Meg Clapp

Prayer Response This Christmastide Donald Fraser

Call to Offering

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

You may also join our mailing list by texting Uccnorwell to 228-28.

Offertory I Saw Three Ships Arr. Lloyd Larson Sanctuary Choir

\*Doxology What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #375 In Water We Grow v. 1, 4 STANLEY BEACH

(As the children and youth return upstairs to their families)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

\*Hymn #176 Sing of God Made Manifest v. 1-3 SALZBURG

\*Benediction

Postlude Go Tell It on the Mountain Arr. Joel Raney Stephanie Barry, flute Karen Harvey, piano

Additional Ways to Give

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<sup>\*</sup> Please stand, as you are able