



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 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #170

How Great Our Joy! v. 1, 2, 4

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Amy Leighton

**God with us,
 we have seen the glimmer of your light beckoning to us,
 but we have turned away and followed other paths.
 We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
 with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 Forgive us, Holy One.
 Strengthen our wayward steps
 and guide us in your holy way of truth and peace. Amen.**

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.
 You are loved and forgiven beyond measure or comprehension.
 The light of God shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Ashley Popperson

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Song *We Three Kings v. 1* *KINGS OF ORIENT*
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

As the song is sung, children may meet their teachers
in Fellowship Hall for Church School.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-6* Rev. Leanne Walt
Sermon *Epiphany*
Anthem *Comfort and Joy* Arr. Joel Raney

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Amy Leighton
Call to Offering Rev. Ashley Popperson

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 *I Saw Three Ships* Arr. Mark Hayes
Karen Harvey, piano

*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

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #176 *Sing of God Made Manifest v. 1-3* *SALZBURG*
*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt
Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Arr. Diane Bish
Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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