



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 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Peggy O'Neil Files

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #683 *O For a World* AZMON

Prayer of Confession (unison) Eduardo Rosado

(Written by Beth Merriall Neel, "Hold Fast to What is Good." Used with permission.)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Let us now bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

Children's Message

Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Passing of the Peace

As the song below is sung, children and youth are dismissed
to Church School (downstairs)
and to "Not" Church School (library).

Musical Response

Love, Love, Love

Lois Brokering

Love, Love, Love! That's what it's all about!

'Cause God loves us, we love each other: mother, father, sister, brother.

Everybody sing and shout 'cause that's what it's all about!

It's about love, love, love! It's about love, love, love!

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Con Words

Rev. Peggy O'Neil Files

Anthem

Blest Are They

David Haas

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Eduardo Rosado

Prayer Response #630

We Shall Overcome

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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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson

*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 #685

God Made All People of the World v. 1, 3, 4

IRBY

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional on AZMON
Karen Harvey, organ

Michael Brukhardt

* Please stand, as you are able

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