



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 21, 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 #475 *The Church of Christ in Every Age v. 1, 3, 4, 5* WAREHAM

Prayer of Confession (unison) Marybeth Shea

God,  
 You call us and sometimes we avert our gaze or duck under the table,  
 hoping You won't notice us.  
 You call us and sometimes we reach for our phone or check our email,  
 looking too busy to be bothered at the moment.  
 You call us and we offer every good excuse,  
 taking solace that we aren't expected to do everything.  
 Forgive us our procrastination.  
 Give us the grace to say "Yes" to Your call  
 even now, as we offer our silent confessions.

~ adapted from Rev. Scott Cervas

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

Assurance of Grace

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
 everything old has passed away;  
 see, everything has become new!  
 All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Children's Message Jenny Healy

\*The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

Musical Response *This Is the Day* Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*We Receive God's Word*

Scripture Mark 1:14-20

Sermon *Immediately?* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!* Pepper Choplin

*We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People Marybeth Shea

Prayer Response *Follow Me* Morris Chapman

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 Am the Light of the World* Jim Strathdee

\*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 #477 *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser

\*Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in Bb* J. Guy Ropartz  
Karen Harvey, organ

\* Please stand, as you are able

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