



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 28, 2024

Annual Meeting Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #25 *Praise to the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of Confession (unison) Harry Solis

Holy God,  
Faith is a gift, handed down from generation to generation,  
from the fidelity of Abraham to the resolve of Mary,  
given to us by our own parents and grandparents,  
and all who have modeled a hope that does not disappoint.  
The Church is a gift, built upon the sacrifices of our ancestors  
who labored for the sake of the gospel. We stand on their shoulders.  
Forgive us when we subject Your Church to our own whims and preferences,  
forgetting that Your mission is so much bigger than us,  
forgetting that You are capable of doing more than we can ask for or imagine.  
Help us to keep the faith, dream big, and share the good news by walking in  
the ways of peace, mercy, and compassion; bestowing the gift of faith upon  
generations to come.

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

Assurance of Grace

Friends,  
there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.  
For the Holy Spirit has freed us from the powers of sin and death.  
Be at peace.  
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Children's Time Bob Caldeira

\*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 Hallelujah Anonymus

*We Receive God's Word*

Scripture Psalm 78:1-7

Sermon NextGen Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem A Jubilant Song Allen Pote

*We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People Harry Solis

Prayer Response Into My Heart Harry Clarke  
Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

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 Truth Prevails Bob Caldeira, voice and piano Bob Caldeira

\*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 Here We Are Karen Harvey

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer: May all our work be praise. (Repeat)

Through all our ministries, we feel You touch our lives.  
May others always see Your light in our eyes.

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer,  
Hear our prayer, Lord: AMEN!!

\*Benediction

Postlude Recessional in C (Quoting LOBE DEN HERREN) Hal Hopson  
Karen Harvey, organ

\* Please stand, as you are able

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