

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

February 4, 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 #504 Heal Me, Hands of Jesus ST. ANNE

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Ann Finnie

Dear God,

To You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. You know us better than we know ourselves.

You are constantly reaching out to us,

seeking to heal our broken spirits, our aging bodies, our severed relationships. Forgive us when we have turned away from Your helping hand, looking for healing through our own devices, not taking care of ourselves, not casting our cares on You.

Help us to turn to You for help and healing of our souls; help us to turn to others. Empower us to reach out to those who are in need, to bind up the brokenhearted, restoring one another to faith and fellowship.

Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

The good news is the assurance of this grace: In Jesus Christ, God has taken us by the hand, forgiving our sins and lifting us up to new life. Sisters and Brothers in Christ, your sins are forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Mark 1:29-39

Sermon When Healing Doesn't Come Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem Healer of Our Ev'ry III Marty Haugen

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Ann Finnie

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 No, Not One! George Hugg

*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

Hymn #424 (seated) I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table Spiritual

- 1. I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu. (2x)
- 2. I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu. (2x)

(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

The Church School

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #503 O Christ, the Healer ROCKINGHAM

*Benediction

Postlude O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE; Arr. Terry Baldridge Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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