



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.

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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 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #15

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Tom Holland

**Lord Jesus,
 Life with You is a blessing and a challenge.
 Forgive us when we want the blessing without the challenge.
 Forgive us for becoming too comfortable with the way things are,
 our eyes having adjusted to the darkness.
 Forgive us for turning toward our own interests rather than to You and Yours.
 Help us be the blessing for which we long, help us to be the light we pray would
 shine upon Your world. Amen.**

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

The Light of the World has come,
 illuminating the dark corners of our hearts and world,
 freeing us into the Truth: that we are loved and forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

There Is an Everlasting Kindness

Keith and Kristyn Getty/
 Stuart Townend

We Receive God's Word

Scripture	Matthew 5:13-20	Rev. Leanne Walt
Sermon	<i>Salt + Light</i>	
Musical Response	<i>The Light of the World Is Jesus</i> Karen Harvey, piano	Phillip Bliss; Arr. Mark Hayes

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Tom Holland

Call to Offering

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>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> Elizabeth England, oboe	NETTLETON; Arr. Timothy Shaw
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*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 #469 (seated)	<i>I Am the Light of the World!</i>	Jim Strathdee
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(As the children 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 and Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #484	<i>We've a Story to Tell to the Nations</i>	MESSAGE
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*Benediction		Rev. Leanne Walt
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Postlude	<i>Fugue</i> Elizabeth England, oboe	Karen Harvey, piano	Anonymous
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* Please stand, as you are able

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