



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.

This morning service is being live streamed and 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 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #356

We, Your People, God Confessing

IN BABILONE

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Chuck Wildman

**Forgiving God,
We confess before You and one another that, at times, we fall victim to the ease of self-righteousness.**

**We confess that we sometimes judge the way others live their lives;
for the clothes they wear,
the company they keep,
the places they spend their money,
the way they spend their time,
the gods they worship and the values they espouse.**

**Forgive us when we have believed that the problems they have are of their own making, a result of bad choices and neglectful behavior.
Softener our hardened hearts, dear Lord, so that our compassion might reach beyond these limitations and truly reflect the wideness of Your love revealed in Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

People of God, hear the good news:
Jesus Christ came not to judge the world but to save it.
You are loved. You are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, Amen!

Children's Message

Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Song *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race* **PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**
Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

As the song is sung, children may meet their
Church School teachers in Fellowship Hall.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Romans 2:1-11
Sermon *Giving It Up: Judgment* Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* Karen Harvey

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Rev. Chuck Wildman

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've Got Peace Like a River* Spiritual; Arr. Mark Hayes
Karen Harvey, piano

*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 #487 *Help Us Accept Each Other* **LANCASHIRE**
*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt
Postlude *God, the Eternal* John Hughes
Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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