



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

March 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 #4

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Nancy Howell

Dear God,
 You created us in Your image, to bear Your holiness and light into the world.
We confess that we have not always lived into Your image.
We confess that we have not always lived up to the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess that it can be difficult to love as He loved,
to extend compassion to the people around us,
to care as deeply for their well-being as our own,
to celebrate their good fortune without feeling envious,
to pray for those who have hurt or betrayed us.
Forgive us, dear Lord, for we have sinned.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

God calls us to turn toward Jesus
 in order to be renewed and transformed by His grace.
 In Him we are a new creation, forgiven and freed.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem *Come Down, O Love Divine* *DOWN AMPNEY;*
 Karen Harvey, organ Arr. Anna Laura Page

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Rev. Leanne Walt
 Matthew 5:44-48

Sermon *Giving It Up: Enemies*

Musical Response *Weave* Rosemary Crow
 Weave, weave, weave us together: weave us together in unity and love.
 Weave, weave, weave us together: weave us together, together in love.

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Nancy Howell

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 *You Are Holy* Marc Imboden and
 Tammi Rhoton

*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 #422 (seated) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* *LINSTEAD*
 (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 #494 *They'll Know We Are Christians* *ST. BRENDAN'S*

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *Toccata on NICAEA* Arr. Gene Roberson
 Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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