



UNITED
CHURCH
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NORWELL

WELCOME to worship at United Church of Christ Norwell! Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, UCC Norwell has continued to love God and neighbor through our vital ministries, ever strengthened by the material and prayerful support of our members and friends. By the grace of God, we have been able to respond to the adversity of the moment by providing spiritual support to our community through virtual worship, bible studies, racial justice book studies, our WISE Mental Health Ministry, Musical Meditations, Faith@Home kits, Pray + Play events and ongoing youth fellowship. We have offered material support to our church and wider community through the establishment of the COVID-19 Assistance Fund, Community Garden, mask-making and distribution, Outreach meal packaging events, Habitat build days, and emergency disbursement of M+O Funds.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with these.

Audio of the worship service can also be heard in the library where there are toys and books for young toddlers (a Deacon or usher can assist you). Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

This morning's service will be available on our [Vimeo](#) channel later today.

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 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn

#280 *God Is Here* v. 1-3

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Nancy Howell

Gracious God,

We confess we have deep inner hunger, yet at times attempt to live by bread alone. We confess that we are seduced by power, desiring control over our own lives and circumstances, the upper hand in our relationships, and influence in our professional arenas.

We have been tempted, tested, and tried; and we have sinned. Lead us by your Spirit so that we may receive forgiveness. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

Forgiveness is not earned, it already is.

May you have a heart that accommodates the wideness of God's mercy.

You are loved and forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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 Receive God's Word

Scripture	Luke 4:1-13	
Sermon	<i>Wilderness Times</i>	Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem	<i>Grazioso</i> Celestial Ringers	Arnold Sherman

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People		Nancy Howell
Call to Offering		Rev. Ashley Popperson
Offertory	<i>Something Happens Here</i>	Richard Avery/Donald Marsh

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.

*Doxology	<i>LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>	
	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 (seated)	<i>I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table</i>	Spiritual
	I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu. (repeat verse) Here all the world will find a welcome, Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu. (repeat)	

(As children come upstairs)

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.)

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #558 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *God Is My Strong Salvation* WEDLOCK;
Karen Harvey, organ Arr. Gordon Young

* Please stand, as you are able

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