



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

March 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Debbie Wooten-Angelo

**Almighty God,
 We confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You.
 You set before us a feast of love, abundance, and joy,
 yet we are drawn to lesser things that do not satisfy.
 You call us to tend to the needs of the world,
 yet we indulge our own desires.
 Instead of following where you lead,
 we follow the tempters of this world,
 enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.
 Have mercy on us, Lord. Amen.**

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

Sisters and Brothers, Jesus is driven into the wilderness places of our hearts and lives to quench our thirst with mercy and hope.
We are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God, Amen!

Children's Message

Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Song *Lead Me, Guide Me* Doris Akers
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon *Giving It Up: Control* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Chris Tomlin
(see insert)
Tyler Lestage, guitar/vocals, Jim Ianiri, guitar,
Stephen Davis, bass, Andy Schlosser, drums

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Debbie Wooten-Angelo

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 *Our God* Chris Tomlin
(see insert)

*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 #450 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* HYFRYDOL

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Arr. Karen Harvey
Karen Harvey, piano

* Please stand, as you are able

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