



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.

Please note: This morning's service is being live streamed and will be broadcast by Harbor Media on Comcast and Verizon local channels. See announcements for details. The service is also 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 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #66 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Peggy O'Neil Files

God of all knowledge and love,
 The world is crowded with violence and division. Our days can easily become crowded with appointments, obligations, and deadlines. Our minds can become crowded with email, calendars and schedules; our spirits with worry and the pressure to excel at all things.
 We confess that it is hard to make time for You.
 We confess that it can be hard to see You, to find You, to know You.
 We confess that we become so focused on ourselves that we can overlook those around us who are yearning for connection: In need of a smile, a meal, or a conversation. Forgive us. Help us to schedule a daily meeting with You, Lord, in which we lay down our burdens and clothe ourselves in kindness, gentleness, and patience so that we can love You and Your people as Jesus did. Amen.

*Take this time of silence to meet with God,
 sharing your confessions and listening for the promise of grace.*

Assurance of Grace

The good news is just this:
 No matter for how long and how far we might stray,
 God is always ready and waiting for us to plug into
 the reality of divine love and grace that
 Jesus Christ embodied and proclaimed.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Passing of the Peace

*Children and youth may meet in Fellowship Hall
for Church School or "Not" Church School.*

Musical Response

Come Bless the Lord

Traditional

Come bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place, and bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Lent Plugged In: Knowing God

Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem

My Refuge

David Lantz

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Rev. Peggy O'Neil Files

Prayer Response

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

LUX PRIMA

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be,
and, with words that help and heal, would thy life in mine reveal,
and, with actions bold and meek, would for Christ my Savior speak.

Call to Offering

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we can greet each other by name.
If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.

You may also join our mailing list by texting Uccnorwell to 228-28.

Offertory

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

FOREST GREEN;

Arr. Stan Pethel/Karen Harvey

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

NETTLETON

*Benediction

Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Karen Harvey, organ

Arr. Jack Jones

* Please stand, as you are able

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