



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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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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Choral Introit *Blessed Is the One Who Comes in God's Name* Hal Hopson
Sam and Leo Bretsch, handbells

Call to Worship (Responsive) Rev. Leanne Walt

People of God, we cry out Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is He who comes in God's name!
Blessed is Jesus Christ,
who did not turn back for fear of the cross,
who comes to save us from fear and sin.
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
with thankful and hopeful hearts.
Remembering Christ's sufferings,
we wave palm branches in anticipation.
We lay our love before Him, to cushion His walk.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who ushers in the realm of God.

*Hymn #192 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Rev. Jean Vandergrift

Lord Jesus,
Today we remember the glad hosannas of those who welcomed You into Jerusalem. We want to join them in laying down our love for You like a cloak upon the dusty road, paving the way for Your presence to enter into the world. We want to be a people who boldly believe in Your miracles of healing. We want to be a people who gladly embrace the ethic of compassion that You teach. We want to be a people who recognize and embody the ways that make for peace. Forgive us for when and how we have hindered Your love. Forgive us for when we have listened with judgment and agenda, preventing the Holy Spirit from entering in. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

People of God, hear this good news:
God is faithful even when we are not.
We are loved and forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children’s Message

Rev. Leanne Walt

*The Lord’s Prayer

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*As the song below is sung, children and youth are dismissed
to Church School (downstairs) and to “Not” Church School (library).*

Musical Response

Wave the Palm Branches

Karen Harvey

Wave the palm branches, shout and sing! Jesus comes to us, our Lord and King.
Hosanna praises ring! Hosanna praises bring!

We Receive God’s Word

Scripture

Mark 11:1-1

Sermon

Plugging into the World

Anthem

Lord of Our Hearts He Will Be

Stan Pethel

We Respond to God’s Love

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jean Vandergrift

Prayer Response

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calv’ry’s mountain. In the cross, be my glory ever, till my
raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus!
Karen Harvey, piano

Spiritual;
Arr. Gina Sprunger

*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

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 #191

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

CANONBURY

*Benediction

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Karen Harvey, organ

Arr. David Cherwien

* Please stand, as you are able

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