



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 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #595

Be Thou My Vision

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Mark Nittel

**Dear God,
 We confess our sins, not as Your frightened servants but as Your beloved children.
 We admit that there are times when we live small,
 times when we have resigned to accept the world as it is
 rather than laboring toward Your realm that shall be.**

**Forgive us when we live half-awake,
 fumbling through life haphazardly
 rather than using our gifts to serve You with intention.
 Forgive us when we resist Your grace and dilute Your power,
 which is always ready to transform our weaknesses into strengths,
 our limitations into gifts, and
 our mistakes into blessings.**

**By the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit
 help us to recover the joy for which we are created.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!**

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace

Paul challenges us to the upward call of God,
 forgetting what lies behind,
 and straining toward what lies ahead,

we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
Rejoice in His name, for we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Confirmation Bible Distribution

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response *Rise Up, O Saints of God* *FESTAL SONG*
1. Rise up, O Saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.

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

We Receive God's Word

Scripture	Philippians 4:1-13	
Sermon	<i>Giving It Up: Mediocrity</i>	Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem	<i>Prayer for Humanity</i> Celestial Ringers	Linda Lamb

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People	Mark Nittel
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	<i>Rejoice in the Lord Alway</i>	Henry Purcell
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*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

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #601	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>	<i>I AM THINE</i>
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*Benediction		Rev. Leanne Walt
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Postlude	<i>Song of Salvation</i> Karen Harvey, organ	Lani Smith
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* Please stand, as you are able

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