



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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Prelude Mark Thewes
Festival Trumpet Tune in D Major
 Joseph Foley, trumpet Karen Harvey, organ

Easter Acclamation (Responsive) Rev. Leanne Walt

One: Dawn breaks. Light out of darkness. Life out of death.
 All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 One: Hope replaces doubt. Faith overcomes fear. Love transforms hate.
 All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 One: The Light shines in the darkness. The darkness has not, and will not, overcome it.
 All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 One: The Lord has made this new day. We rejoice and are glad in it.
 All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn #216 EASTER HYMN;
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Trumpet/Bell Arr: Karen Harvey

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Brett Wollam

**Lord Jesus,
 Today we rejoice in the good news,
 in the stone being rolled away and the tomb emptied out.
 As we glimpse into the empty tomb,
 we glimpse into our own emptiness that Your presence came to fill.
 Forgive us when we live in the emptiness of the tomb rather than in the fullness of
 resurrection joy, getting stuck in the everyday worries of our lives,
 caught up in self-serving action,
 infected with bitterness toward others,
 and blind to the troubles and needs of Your people.
 Lord, we come to the empty tomb,
 to lay before You our emptiness and failings,
 and to surrender to You in hope. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Grace

Do not dwell in fear any longer
for He has risen to heal you,
He has risen to forgive you;
He has risen to change us all, rolling away our sin along with the stone.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Youth Anthem *Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Lord Is Risen!* Karen Harvey
Church School Children and Sanctuary Choir Andrew Schlosser, percussion

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Mark 16:1-8

Gospel Acclamation *Sing for Joy!* Hal Hopson
Children meet with Jenny to go downstairs

Sermon *Resurrection not Resignation* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *On the Third Day* Allen Pote
Sanctuary Choir
Handbells: Louise Bombardieri, Melissa Crichton, Michelle Hadley, Carrie Sorokoff

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Brett Miller

Prayer Response (All) *Alleluia* Jerry Sinclair
v. 1 Alleluia! v.2 Christ is risen: Alleluia!

Hymn #215 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN
(Seated, as children return to their families)

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 *This Joyful Eastertide* Bell Arr: Jane McFadden;
The Celestial Ringers Choir/Trumpet Arr: Karen Harvey

*Doxology

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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

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 at the center station.)

Anthem *Arise, Arise!* Nancy Price/Don Besig

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #234 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *DIADEMATA*; Organ Arr:
Cynthia Dobrinski; Bell/Trumpet Arr: Karen Harvey

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *CORONATION*;
Joseph Foley, trumpet Karen Harvey, organ Arr: Gilbert Martin

* Please stand, as you are able

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