



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

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Introit

Antiphonal Hosanna
 Cherub and Sanctuary Choirs

G. Alan Smith

Palm Sunday Litany (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)

Helen Burgess

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.

Musical Response *Blessed Is the One Who Comes in God's Name* Hal Hopson
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name: Hosanna!
Wave the palm branches: Hosanna!

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon *Giving It Up: Popularity*
Anthem *The Messiah Has Come* Pepper Choplin
Christine Vitale, violin

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Helen Burgess
Prayer Response *My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON*; Arr. Cathy DeRousse
Christine Vitale, violin Karen Harvey, piano
Call to Offering
Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION;
Christine Vitale, violin Karen Harvey, piano Arr. Timothy Shaw

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.

(Children return upstairs for Holy Communion with their families)

*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

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 in the center station.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving
*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #191 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* CANONBURY
*Benediction
Postlude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE;
Christine Vitale, violin Karen Harvey, piano Sanctuary Choir
Arr. John Carter
* Please stand, as you are able

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