

WELCOME to worship at United Church of Christ Norwell!

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the COVID
19 pandemic. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, UCC

Norwell has continued to love God and neighbor through our vital ministries, ever strengthened by the material and

prayerful support of our members and friends. By the grace of God, we have been able to respond to the adversity of the moment by providing spiritual support to our community through virtual worship, bible studies, racial justice book studies, our WISE Mental Health Ministry, Musical Meditations, Faith@Home kits, Pray + Play events and ongoing youth fellowship. We have offered material support to our church and wider community through the establishment of the COVID-19 Assistance Fund, Community Garden, mask-making and distribution, Outreach meal packaging events, Habitat build days, and emergency disbursement of M+O Funds.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with these.

Audio of the worship service can also be heard in the library where there are toys and books for young toddlers (a Deacon or usher can assist you). Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

This morning's service is

will be available on our Vimeo channel later today.

## **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 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Leanne Walt

\*Hymn

#97 Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Judy Larson

Dear God,

Thank you for forming each one of us in your image. Thank you for offering us the gift of community and a heart seeking your love. Thank you for the life of your son Jesus Christ who came to show us what it looks like to love ourselves, to love others, and to love you.

Forgive us for when we have strayed from his spirit and his teachings. Especially today, we ask for your forgiveness for those times when we have compared ourselves to others; when we have measured our worth against the successes or failures of those around us. Forgive us for when we have evaluated our intelligence or our beauty or our relationships relative to our perception of what others have or do not have.

Heal us, Lord, from our temptation to think of ourselves as better than or less than others. May the humility of Christ break in to challenge us, teach us, and exalt us. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

People of God,

The life and love, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ embodies this reality: You are deserving of God's love and are forever worthy of God's grace.

Amen.

## We Receive God's Word

Scripture Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Two Men Walk Into the Temple to Pray Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Arr. Howard Helvey

We Respond to Gods Love

Prayers of the People Judy Larson

Call to Offering Rev. Leanne Walt

Offertory O Worship the King William Gardiner;
Arr. Phillip Keveren

Meryl Summers, bassoon Karen Harvey, piano

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 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

Walking Music (seated) Let Us Break Bread Together Karen Harvey

v. 1. Let us break bread together (3x), oh, Lord, have mercy on me. v. 2. Let us share the cup of blessing (3x), oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

(As children come upstairs)

## 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.)

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We Depart to Serve

\*Hymn #356 We, Your People, God, Confessing v. 1, 3, 4 IN BABILONE

\*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name MILES LANE;
Arr. Wilbur Held

Meryl Summers, bassoon Karen Harvey, piano

\* Please stand, as you are able

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