



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.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available. **Note:** if you remove both hearing aids to use a listening device, please store them apart from each other to avoid sound system feedback.

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 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER; Arr. Larry Shackley
 Joseph Foley, trumpet Karen Harvey, organ

Introit *Christ Is Risen!* Karen Harvey

Easter Acclamation (Responsive) Rev. Leanne Walt

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

*Hymn #216 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

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.**

