



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.

Please note: This morning's service is being live streamed and will be broadcast by Harbor Media on Comcast and Verizon local channels. See announcements for details. The service is also available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Terry Martinson

Call to Worship (Responsive)
 We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
 who calls us each by name, who restores our souls,
 who leads us in the way of righteousness, and
 whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we worship!

*Hymn #558 *Savior, Life a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Prayer of Confession (Unison) (Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell) Laurie Galvin
Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all.

Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and You are our shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened to your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world.

Guide us back to your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.

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

Assurance of Grace
 The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock; we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this good news:
We are forgiven, Glory be to God! Amen.

Community Engagement Fund

Living Hope Farms, a Jasmine Grace Ministry
Jim Ianiri and Cathy Huycke

*The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*As the song below is sung, children and youth are dismissed
to Church School (downstairs) and to "Not" Church School (library).*

Musical Response (All)

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Terry Martinson

Anthem

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen;
Arr. Mark Hayes

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Laurie Galvin

Prayer Response (All)

Near to the Heart of God

McAFEE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

Call to Offering

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we can greet each other by name.
If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.
You may also join our mailing list by texting Uccnorwell to 228-28.

Offertory

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Karen Harvey, piano

Arr. Gina Sprunger

*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

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #545

He Leadeth Me

William Bradbury

*Benediction

Rev. Terry Martinson

Postlude

God Leads Us Onward
Karen Harvey, organ

David Paxton

* Please stand, as you are able

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