



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 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Bill McCoy

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #229

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Matt Hawk

Lord Jesus,

You are not always easy to see. You sneak up on us under the guise of a gardener, in the face of a stranger, in scars and wounds. We confess that we do not always look for you in these unexpected faces and places. Instead, we expect to see you in the beauty of a sunset, in the flight of the birds, in the comfort of home, and when things are going well. Forgive us for when we've missed the message that your hope shows up in our disappointment, that your power is revealed in our weakness, and that your life rises in death. Meet us along the road. Walk with us. Show us the way. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

Be assured that the Lord rolls away the stones from our hearts,
 Giving us the power to welcome Easter into the center of our lives every day.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Song *O, How I Love Jesus* American Melody

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
because He first loved me.

As the song is sung, children may meet their
Church School teachers in Fellowship Hall.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

Sermon *A Most Welcome Stranger* Rev. Bill McCoy

Anthem *Sweet Music* Spiritual;
Arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Matt Hawk

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* DARWALL'S 148th;
Karen Harvey, piano Arr. Craig Curry

*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 #226 *He Lives!* ACKLEY

*Benediction Rev. Bill McCoy

Postlude *Christ, the King of Glory* Anna Laura Page
Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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