



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.

## 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 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #88 *All My Hope on God Is Founded* NEANDER

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Rev. Leanne Walt

**Lord, hold us close when we pull away from You. We have strayed and cast aside the love You have given freely. We have basked in the warmth of Your Kingdom but only had eyes for what we do not have. We have offered scorn and violence as offerings for the love we have known. You know our loneliness and despair. You have loved us even though we fall short of who You have called us to be.**

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

Assurance of Grace

No matter how hard we try, we cannot escape the love and grace of God. God sent Christ so we might know a loving and wise savior who offered a new, liberated life. We need not fight for recognition or care; God's mercy and care is like a stream without end. Come home all you who hurt. Come home and be known and loved.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Mission Moment Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore Herb Newell

\*The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Musical Response #87    *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*    James Fillmore  
 Chorus: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing; I will sing  
 of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
 Verse: With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness; with  
 my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.  
 (Repeat chorus)

*We Receive God's Word*

Scripture                          Luke 15:11-32b                          Rev. Peter Stroebel  
  
*As the song below is sung, children and youth are dismissed  
 to Church School (downstairs) and to "Not" Church School (library).*  
 Gospel Acclamation #41                  *Halle-Halle-Halleluja*                          CARIBBEAN  
 Sermon                           *Casting Call: The Role of a Lifetime*                  Rev. Peter Stroebel  
 Anthem                          *Awake, My Heart and Render*                          Jane Marshall

*We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People                                                  Erin Griffith  
  
 Prayer Response #485    *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race v. 1*                  TALLIS' CANON  
 Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.  
 God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

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                          *I Shall Not Be Moved*                          Spiritual  
  
 \*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 #458                          *Ours the Journey*                          Julian Rush  
  
 \*Benediction                                                                          Rev. Peter Stroebel  
 Postlude                          *Jubilation*                          James Denton  
                                                 Vytas Baksys, organ  
  
 \* Please stand, as you are able

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