



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 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #91

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Megan Mahony

Good Shepherd,

We are neither as carefree nor as independent as we pretend. We carry burdens and brokenness, oftentimes silently. Forgive us when we suppress our pain, grin and bear it, and try to get through it on our own. We confess that there have been times when we have underestimated the magnitude of your care for us, times when we have forgotten your abiding presence with us, and wandered away from the fold.

Yet there you are all the while, seeking us out, welcoming us back in, leading us beside still waters, and restoring our souls. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

People of God,

The Lord is our Shepherd,

leading us in right paths,

through the darkest valley and into new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Mission Moment Rev. Dr. Abraham Waya, L Street Mission

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Song *Jesus in the Morning* Spiritual

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime;
Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!*

During the song children may meet their Church School teachers in Fellowship Hall.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Psalm 23

Sermon *Restoring Our Soul* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* Spiritual;
Stephen Davis, violin Yukiko Oba, piano Arr. Gail Smith

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Megan Mahony

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 *Send the Light/This Little Light of Mine* Charles Gabriel/
Sanctuary Choir 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 #601 *I Am Thine, O Lord* I AM THINE

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *The Gospel Train* Arr. Bradley Sowash
Yukiko Oba, piano

* Please stand, as you are able

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