



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*

May 5, 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 #23 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven v. 1, 2, 3, 5* LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Carol Mosel

Creator God,  
We are begotten by Your love, fearfully and wonderfully made in its image. We are born, we grow, wander and stray. We confess that there are times when our words, our deeds, and the disposition of our hearts lead us away from Your love. There are times when we abide in cultures of consumption, violence, gossip, resentment, shame and fear, clinging to the feeble vines of self-preservation rather than the true vine of Love.  
Forgive us when our words wound.  
Forgive us when our hands harm.  
Forgive us when our hearts constrict. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace  
Sisters and brothers,  
God's love abides in you, in me!  
With the power to recreate us, to save us, to forgive us and transform us.  
If we root our hearts and lives in God's love, we will harness its power so that love, hope and joy might heal all people.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response #572

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*We Receive God's Word*

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Sermon

Culture of Love

Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem

Namaste

Mark Hayes

*We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People

Carol Mosel

Prayer Response #312

Amen

Danish

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 #477

Pass It On  
Jack Spurr, guitar

Kurt Kaiser

\*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

Hymn #422 (seated)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Children and youth return for Holy Communion with their families.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.  
**People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.**

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

(Grape juice, not wine, is served to all. Gluten-free is available in the center station.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer and Passing the Peace of Christ

*We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn #461

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

\*Benediction

Postlude

Festive Flourish  
William Cutter, piano

Edward Broughton

\* Please stand, as you are able

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