



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

May 7, 2023

Youth Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell Ian Rosado

Welcome Maddie Murray

Prayer of Invocation Nolen Lestage

*Hymn Chris Tomlin

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
UCC Norwell Praise Band

Tyler Lestage, vocals/guitar, Jim Ianiri, guitar,
Stephen Davis, bass guitar, Andy Schlosser, drums
Jack Murray, vocals/keyboard

Prayer of Confession (unison) Owen Lestage

**Dear God,
We confess we have our shortcomings, often focused on our own needs rather than what you ask of us. We don't always see you in each other, or in ourselves. We confess that our appearance doesn't always share how we feel inside and that we hide our feelings of frustration, sadness, anger, and guilt. Forgive us that we forget you are there for us, to inspire us to be good. Thank you for reminding us that you will always be there to shine a light in the dark places. Forgive us for the times we've shied away from reminding others of your love, so they may also feel your peace.**

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

Assurance of Grace

All-loving God, you call to us again and again to be strong and courageous. In the face of uncertainty, we hold on to your promise that you are with us. **Christ is with us! We are free! We are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

*Song *This Is Amazing Grace* Phil Wickham

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

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Deuteronomy 31:6 Isobel Troupe

Senior Reflection Jack Murray

Anthem *Our God* Chris Tomlin
UCC Norwell Praise Band

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Ava Larson

Call to Offering Brielle Lestage

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 *Reckless Love* Cory Asbury

*Prayer of Dedication Eva Rosado

Hymn (seated) *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Chris Tomlin

(As the children return upstairs to their families)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Sam Bretsch, Morgan Lestage, Amaya Parmar

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.)

Communion Music *Rescue* Lauren Daigle
Charlize Lestage

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

*Song *Let It Be* The Beatles

We Depart to Serve

*Benediction Seniors: James Hawk, Charlize Lestage, Jack Murray

* Please stand, as you are able

We celebrate and offer God's blessings to our graduating seniors:

Owen Carolan, Michael Happel, James Hawk, Charlize Lestage,
Nora Millens, Isabel Miller, Jack Murray, David Won

Additional Ways to Give

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