



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.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

May 12, 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 #90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* *MADRID*

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Amy Leighton

**God of Resurrecting Love,
 Thank you for sending Jesus into the world to show us what love looks like.
 In His life, we see Your love:
 in His care for the poor,
 in His compassion for the prisoner,
 in His welcome of the stranger,
 in His prayers for friends and enemies alike,
 in the wideness of His mercy and the boldness of His message.
 Forgive us when we fall short of His example and when we live as if He is gone and
 absent from this world, forgetting how Jesus promised to live on in the Holy Spirit,
 compelling us to act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with You, Lord. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Grace

Jesus said: "If you reside in me, and my words reside in you,
 ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you."
 Friends, we have asked for forgiveness.
 It is God's deepest desire that we be forgiven and free.
 We are loved. We are redeemed. We are blessed to be a blessing.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response #499

When Love Is Found v. 1, 2, 3

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Sacrament of Baptism

Benjamin Payne
Daniel Payne
Sons of Shandra and Brian Payne

Invitation and Baptismal Vows

Pledge of Support

Deacon: Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care to Benjamin and Daniel.

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

As the song below is sung, children and youth are dismissed to Church School (downstairs) and to "Not" Church School (library).

Musical Response #366 *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* *TRES RIOS*

We Receive God's Word

Scripture John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

Sermon *The Spirit of Truth in a Divided World* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *Let My Love for Jesus Be My Song* David Lantz III

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Amy Leighton

Prayer Response #324 *Your Words to Me Are Life and Health* v.1, 4WINCHESTER OLD
Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal!
Your words you have fulfilled on earth, yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print in clearest lines, O Lord.

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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Arr. Margaret Bonds
William Cutter

*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 #323 *Wonderful Words of Life* Philip Bliss

*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude *March Recessional* Lily Strickland
William Cutter

* Please stand, as you are able

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