



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 19, 2024

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #280 *God Is Here* v. 1, 3, 4 ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Bob Caldeira

**Dear God,**  
 Life happens pretty quickly. Schedules are full and busy with work, school, dance, sports, catching up with friends. We confess that sometimes we feed into the frenzy, trying to keep up with everyone and everything around us. Forgive us when we forget to slow down and thank You for the beauty of creation, for the love of family, for the support of this community of faith. Forgive us when we have failed to make time for stillness and thought, prayer and reflection, and for when we have failed to share our time with others in the form of a listening ear or hand outstretched in service. We ask You to forgive us, for we desire to follow in the way of Your son Jesus Christ who never failed to make time for You or for others.  
**Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Grace**  
 Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, capable of restoring us to wholeness within the fullness of time. In Jesus we are a new creation, made whole and forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Musical Response *Holy, Holy Spirit* Karen Harvey  
 Holy, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire; Holy, Holy Spirit, fill us with the love of God.

## *We Receive God's Word*

Scripture	Deuteronomy 8:2-3	
Faith Statements	Ava Larson, John Hughan, Ian Rosado	
Musical Interlude	<i>I Will Sing Until I Can't</i>	Bob Caldeira
Faith Statements	Ben Payne, Maia Crichton, Johnny Fitzsimmons	
Anthem	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Jon Roberts
	John Hughan, trumpet	

## *We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People	Rev. Leanne Walt	
Prayer Response	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song v.1</i>	<b>BRIDEGROOM</b>
	Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.	
Call to Offering	Rev. Leanne Walt	
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>Holy Spirit</i>	Suzi De Faye
	Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, 1. Pour Your power, pour Your power on me, on me, on me. 2. Send Your fire, send Your fire, 3. Talk to me, talk to me, 4. Guide my life, guide my life, 5. Bring Your healing, bring Your healing, 6. Set me free, set me free.	

\*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

## *Rite of Confirmation*

Invitation to Confirmands:  
Maia Crichton, Johnny Fitzsimmons, John Hughan,  
Ava Larson, Benjamin Payne, Ian Rosado

Confirmation Vows and Act of Confirmation

Congregational Welcome (Unison) Cathy Benedict  
**We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers  
as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together  
in God's knowledge and in the love and service to Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## *We Depart to Serve*

Closing Song	<i>Keep Up the Faith</i>	Bob Caldeira
*Benediction		Rev. Leanne Walt
Postlude	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy!</i>	Douglas Wagner
	Karen Harvey	
* Please stand, as you are able		

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