



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 21, 2023

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #277

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Steve Schlueter

**Dear God,**  
 Life happens very quickly. Schedules are full and busy with work, school, 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

*Into My Heart*

Harry D. Clarke

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
 Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

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

## *We Receive God's Word*

Scripture	Matthew 7:24-29	Carol Thornell
Faith Statements	Sam Bretsch, Archer Laken, Morgan Lestage	
Musical Response	<i>Choral</i> Barbara Northrop, piano	Robert Schumann
Faith Statements	Nolen Lestage, Owen Lestage, Amaya Parmar	
Anthem	<i>Let My Love for Jesus Be My Song</i> Barbara Northrop, pianist     Paul Haight, conductor	Herb Frombach

## *We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People	Tom Holland
Call to Offering	Rev. Leanne Walt

*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	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	HANKEY
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\*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

## *Sacrament of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation*

Baptismal Vows and Act of Baptism  
Samuel Bretsch, Nicholas, Maia, and Elise Crichton

Confirmation Vows and Act of Confirmation  
Samuel Bretsch, Archer Laken, Morgan Lestage,  
Nolen Lestage, Owen Lestage, Amaya Parmar

Congregational Welcome (Unison) Diane Burke  
**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 of the Peace

## *We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn #609 *Take My Life and Let It Be* HENDON

\*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

\* Please stand, as you are able

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