

UNITED CHURCH \$\sigma CHRIST\$ 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.

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This morning service is being live streamed and available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

June 4, 2023

Rev. Leanne Walt

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #4	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!	NICAEA	
Prayer of Confession (un God of wonder and a	we,	Sean Mahony	

Your Holy Spirit is alive and at work in all times and places,

calling and healing, empowering and transforming Your people and Your Church, pushing and prodding and provoking us toward greater love,

more joyful community, and wider mercy.

Yet, we confess that Your Church universal has fallen into the habit of ignoring the inspiration of Your Spirit, fearing its risky call into the wilderness of justice, and diminishing the richness of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our heart breaks along with Yours for the Church's lackluster faith, half-awake worship, watered-down gospel. Forgive us.

Preach to us this morning, Spirit of God, give us the Great Commission, send us out to bless and to teach and to remember the life of Jesus Christ as it is resurrected in our thoughts and words and deeds today. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

The Apostle Paul prays in Ephesians that the Church may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. May this love be yours today and always. Hear the good news: We are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen. **Musical Response**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

We Receive God's Word

Doris Akers

Hymn #386 (seated)

We Come as Guests Invited WIE LIEBLICH DER MAIEN

(As the children return upstairs to their families)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

ScriptureMatthew 28:16-20Rev. Leanne WaltLeader: 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.SermonThe Great CommissionWords of Institution
Partaking of the Bread and Cup
(Grape juice, not wine, is served to all. Gluten-free is available in the center station.)

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Sean Mahony

Call to Offering

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		Simple Gifts Vytas Baksys, piano	Arr. John Carter
*Doxology		a	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!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #459 Lord, You Give the Great Commission v. 1, 2, 5 ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Benediction

Postlude

Festive Episode Vytas Baksys, organ

A. Louis Scarmolin

* Please stand, as you are able

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