



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*

June 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #4

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sean Mahony

**God of wonder and awe,  
 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.**

