



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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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.

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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 25, 2023

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #293

Out of Need and Out of Custom

NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Rev. Meg Clapp

Dear God,
We fill our lives with so many things there is hardly room left for You. We fit in time for worship, but we confess that we don't always fit in time to truly draw near to Your Word, to become acquainted with our ancestors in faith and their stories as told in the Bible. We can learn so much about *our* relationship with You through learning about *their* relationship with You. Forgive us when we have not taken the time to read scripture or discuss it with spiritual friends. Forgive us for when we have failed to expose ourselves to the depths of its wisdom. Help us slow down and come to know the enduring stories of our tradition. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

The Lord has a way of showing us who we are and giving us grace to accept what we find.
 God loves us and forgives us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Boden Hudson Gillespie
Child of Ashley and Scott Gillespie

Invitation and Baptismal Vows
Pledge of Support

Deacon: Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

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

Act of Baptism

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response *Take Me to the Water* Spiritual

Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.
He's my Savior, he's my Savior, he's my Savior, yes, he is.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Genesis 27:34-38, 33:1-4

Sermon *Cast of Characters: Esau the Elder* Rev. Leanne Walt

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Rev. Meg Clapp

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

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Ernest Sands

*Doxology

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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 #455

You Have Called Me

KAYE'S SONG

*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso
Karen Harvey, organ

Philip Boelman

* Please stand, as you are able

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