



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.

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*

July 23, 2023

9:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Karen Harvey

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #56

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

Chris Julian

Lord, it is hard to live by Your patience.

Your timing is not our timing,

Your ways are not our ways.

Forgive us when we try to rush toward an answer, a solution, results, or an end goal.

Forgive us when we mistake You for a god who rushes—for we know through the

stories of scripture that Your life is revealed in the patient discipline of faith—that

endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not

disappoint.

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

Assurance of Grace

The Apostle Paul writes that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the

Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God's love that we have been given conquers

disappointment and death. It is stronger than our sin.

**We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Associate Pastor Search Committee Update Chris Julian

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response *Halle-Halle-Halleluja* CARIBBEAN

*We Receive God's Word*

Scripture Judges 4: 5-11, 14-16  
1 Samuel 1:4-11  
Acts 16:11-15

Sermon *Cast of Characters: Leading with Faith* Helen Burgess

Musical Interlude *Melody in C* Avery Harken  
Stephen Davis, violin

*We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People Chris Julian

Call to Offering Helen Burgess

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.  
You may also join our mailing list by texting Uccnorwell to 228-28.

Offertory *Sonata No. 6: Allegro* Wolfgang A. Mozart  
Stephen Davis, violin

\*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

*We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn #635 *Faith of our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

\*Benediction Helen Burgess

Postlude *Presto in F* Georg Philipp Telemann  
Stephen Davis, violin Karen Harvey, piano

\* Please stand, as you are able

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