

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 have you will find 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. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with these.

Our Prayground in the Sanctuary (right side) is a resource to help little ones come to worship in their own way. Coloring, reading, building, all of this is a beautiful offering of worship. Feel free to sit in the area and worship alongside your children.

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's service will be available on our <u>Vimeo</u> channel later today.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

August 7, 2022 9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Ashley Popperson

*Hymn

#53 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fulness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways.

Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy.

Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing.

Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Musical Response

Come, Thou Almighty King v. 4

ITALIAN HYMN

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

Acts 20:25-36

Sermon

In Giving, We Receive

Rev. Terry Martinson

We Respond to Gods Love

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread v. 1

ST. AGNES

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Call to Offering

Rev. Ashley Popperson

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

In the Mornin'

Spiritual; Arr. Charles Ives

Robert Cinnante, tenor

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Ashley Popperson

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: 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.

Words of Institution
Partaking of the Bread and Cup
(Grape juice, not wine, is served to all. Gluten-free is available.)

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #382 We Give Thee but Thine Own vs. 1, 2, 5 SCHUMANN

*Benediction Rev. Terry Martinson

Postlude God, the Almighty Gary Davidson Mijin Choi, organ

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