



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

August 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Terry Martinson

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #53

Morning Has Broken

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, You gave us a garden of Eden and we chose to wander in the deserts of our own making.

You gave us the Light of the World and we chose to do our night-crawling.

Forgive us our squandering, our wandering, our lack of commitment.

Forget not Your covenant with us, O God, and choose us still to tell Your good news to give all that we have that we might be one in Your shalom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

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

Assurance of Grace

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. We believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response #286 *This Is the Day* Les Garrett
(Group 1 starts; group 2 echo is in italics)

This is the day, *this is the day* that the Lord has made, *that the Lord has made*;
We will rejoice, *we will rejoice*, and be glad in it, *and be glad in it*.
This is the day that the Lord has made; *we will rejoice and be glad in it*.
This is the day, **(ALL) This is the day that the Lord has made.**

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Amos 2:6; 5:21-24 Rev. Terry Martinson

Sermon *Amos the Visionary*

Sermon Response #684 *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky v. 1* Robert Lowry

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflower's growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering Rev. Terry Martinson

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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Kathleen Thomerson

*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 #5 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

*Benediction

Postlude *The Gospel Trumpet* Benton Price
Mijin Choi, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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