



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

August 20, 2023

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Terry Martinson

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #21

Let the Whole Creation Cry

LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Marcia Martinson

**Holy God, you have called us to be holy, even as You are holy.
 We confess that we have not lived the disciples' life to which You have called us.
 We have ignored our pledge to take up the cross and follow You in joyful obedience.
 We have become more conformed to the world than transformed by new minds and natures.
 We have relaxed our principles and justified personal pleasure.
 Forgive our unholiness, our unfaithfulness to you.
 Empower us to be worthy disciples who follow the teachings of Jesus and grow in His image.
 Help us live as a called-out people, holy and acceptable in Your sight,
 To whom be glory forever and ever. Amen**

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

Assurance of Grace

Hear the words of assurance given to all who turn in faith to Christ our Savior: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response

Hallelujah

Traditional

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-8, 11

Rev. Terry Martinson

Sermon

Isaiah, the Singer

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Marcia Martinson

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

The Gift of Love
Barbara and Fred Northrop

Traditional English;
Arr. Hal Hopson

*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 #494

They'll Know We Are Christians

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*Benediction

Postlude

Festive Postlude on LLANFAIR
Karen Harvey, organ

Mary McDonald

* Please stand, as you are able

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