

UNITED 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

September 3, 2023 9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Terry Martinson

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Terry Martinson

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed to be Your holy people, set apart for Your divine purpose.

We are moved more by private ambition than by concern for social justice.

We dream more of privileges and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We speak in Your name without nourishing our souls, without relying on Your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for You.

Forgive us, revive us, reshape us in Your image. 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."

That saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

John 1:1-18; 21:20-24

Rev. Terry Martinson

Sermon

John – in Jeopardy (a unique approach to the Fourth Gospel)

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

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

The Never-Ending Song Christina Nordstrom Christina Nordstrom, quitar and vocals Ted Mello, bass

*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!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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 in the center station.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn # 517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

*Benediction

Postlude A Song of Rejoicing John Rasley

* Please stand, as you are able

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^{*}Prayer of Dedication