



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

September 10, 2023 Homecoming Sunday 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell
John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #280 God Is Here ABBOT'S LEIGH

Blessing of the Backpacks Jenny Healy
 O God,
 You promise to be with us, to go wherever we go,
 We need You to bless us:
**Bless our books and pens,
 our tablets and computers,
 that we might grow in knowledge of You,**
 Bless our shoes, that we might travel in Your ways,
Loving God, bless these backpacks, that they may be strong and sturdy.
 Bless us who carry them, that we may be strong and sturdy.
In the face of all that is unknown, grant us curiosity.
 In the face of meanness and anxiety, grant us courage.
In the face of a new year, grant us hope.
O God, bless us as we begin again. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response Caribbean
Halle-Halle-Halleluja
 Halle-Halle-Halleluja. (3x) Halleluja, Halleluja.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture	Mark 2:1-5	
Sermon	<i>Spiritual Friendships</i>	Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem	<i>As We Come Together</i> Pick-Up Choir	Stan Pethel

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Caroline McKinney

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

Offertory Ken Medema
Let the People of God Go Singing

*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 Karen Harvey
Here We Are

Here we are: gathered in this moment;
Here we are: standing in this place,
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:
Hear our prayer: May all our work be praise. (Repeat)

Through all our ministries, we feel You touch our lives.
May others always see Your light in our eyes.

Here we are: gathered in this moment;
Here we are: standing in this place,
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:
Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer,
Hear our prayer, Lord: AMEN!!

*Benediction

Postlude Gordon Young
Paeon
Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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