



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. 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 service is being live streamed and available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

September 11, 2022

Homecoming Sunday!

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation Rev. Leanne Walt

*Hymn #90 *Come, Christians Join to Sing* MADRID

Prayer of Confession Rev. Ashley Popperson

**Holy One,
 Even in these days when Your Word is rare and when Your Way is hard to see,
 You seek us out and call us by name.
 We confess that there are times when we have slept through Your summoning,
 when we sell ourselves short, hide our gifts under a bushel, and resign to an
 unchanged world and predetermined future.
 We confess that there are times we have searched for You in empty places,
 tuning into our screens rather than Your Spirit, loving things rather than people,
 and expecting the world to serve us rather than going out to serve Your world.
 Forgive us our shortcomings. Heal us and remake us in the image of Your Son
 Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace
 You are fearfully and wonderfully made by our God who calls you by name
 and who knows you better than you know yourself.
 God is familiar with your innermost fears and truest desires.
 You are forgiven, freed to love and serve in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Ashley Popperson

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 and Passing of the Peace

Rev. Leanne Walt

Song

Shine Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Shine, Jesus, shine: fill this land with the Father's glory.
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy.
 Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light. (2x)

(As the song is sung, children may meet their teachers
 in fellowship hall for church school.)

We Receive God's Word

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon

Called to Ministry: Waking Up

Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem

We Are One, Lord

Stan Pethel

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ashley Popperson

Prayer Response

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
 and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
 In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
 and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

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

Greet the Dawning

Bryan Leech/Jan Sanborn

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn

Here We Are
(see words below)

Karen Harvey

*Benediction

Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude

Postlude on MADRID
Karen Harvey, organ

Neil Harmon

* Please stand, as you are able

Here We Are

Karen Harvey

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!!

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