



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 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #24 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

Prayer of Confession Tom Holland

Dear God,
How we long to be a friend of Yours. It is our deepest desire to develop an open and honest relationship with You as our Creator, to walk by Your side in step with Your divine love. Yet we often stray from Your presence, becoming a friend of the world rather than a friend of Yours.
Forgive us when we put our personal agenda ahead of care for others.
Forgive us when we put off being doers rather than hearers of the Word.
Take our open, outstretched hand and fill it with Your grace, inviting us to join You on the journey and share in the fullness of Your life and friendship. Amen.

Assurance of Grace
 God so desires friendship with us that God sent Jesus to walk among us and befriend us, face to face, heart to heart.
 In His example of generous forgiveness for His disciples and followers, we witness how friendship with Jesus makes room for grace.
 In Him we are loved and forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Commissioning of Bob Caldeira as Youth Minister

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

During the song children may meet their Church School teachers in Fellowship Hall.

Musical Response *We Will Glorify* Twila Paris

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the great I Am.
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords Who is the great I Am.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture James 2:19-24

Sermon *To Be a Friend of God* Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN;
Helen Burgess, solo chimes and handbell tree Arr. Karen Harvey

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Tom Holland

Call to Offering

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we can 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 Will Exalt You* Mark Patterson
Sanctuary Choir

*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 #357 *We Call Ourselves Disciples* v. 1, 4, 5 LANCASHIRE

*Benediction

Postlude *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN;
Karen Harvey, organ Arr. Paul Laubengayer

* Please stand, as you are able

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