



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 24, 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 #90 *Come, Christians Join to Sing* MADRID

Prayer of Confession (unison) Cara Hamilton

Dear God,
You call us to be in relationship with all of Your children. Yet, we confess that we often stick to our own kind and kin. We find it hard to break out of social circles and expectations to form friendships with people of different cultures and backgrounds. Forgive us. Forgive the separateness and divisiveness of Your people. Help us to embody the unity of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace
Jesus promises to be with us always, in our faithfulness and in our failings, strengthening us in our weak places so that we might be the embodiment of His love and peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Bible Distribution Jenny Healy

*The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

During the song children and youth may meet their teachers in Fellowship Hall.

Musical Response *The B-I-B-L-E* Traditional
The B-I-B-L-E: yes, that's the book for me!
I stand alone on the Word of God: the B-I-B-L-E!

We Receive God's Word

Scripture John 15:9-14
Sermon *What a Friend We Have* Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Arr. Harold M. Best

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Cara Hamilton

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 *Fill the World with Love* David Edwards

*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 #477 *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser

*Benediction

Postlude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Arr. Pierce Dickens
Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

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