



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.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

October 1, 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 #27	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	<i>ITALIAN HYMN</i>
Prayer of Confession (unison)		Jean Holley

Dear God,
You love us, but we have not always loved You.
You call, but we do not always listen.
We turn away from rather than toward our neighbors,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
You invite us into relationship, but we do not always take time to sit with You and talk.
You give us a simple command—to love—and we complicate it with rules, worries, and doubts.

Holy God, help us to face our shortcomings,
help us to let Your mercy in.
Help us to forgive ourselves
so that we can follow Jesus. Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace
 Because God first loved us,
 we know peace and are given grace
 sufficient to liberate us from our deepest regrets and shortcomings.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Scripture	John 4:1-7, 27-30	
Sermon	<i>Unlikely Friends</i>	Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem	<i>Come Down, Lord</i>	Stan Pethel

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People		Jean Holley
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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>Rock-A-My Soul</i> Karen Harvey, piano	Spiritual; Arr. Bradley Sowash
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*Doxology		<i>LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>
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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

*Hymn #424	<i>I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table</i>	Spiritual
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(As the children return upstairs to their families)

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 #422	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	<i>LINSTEAD</i>
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*Benediction

Postlude	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i> Karen Harvey, organ	<i>ITALIAN HYMN;</i> Arr. Jack Jones
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* Please stand, as you are able

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