

CHURCH of CHRIST Norwell. Whether you are a member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor known are welcomed by among us inspiring and leave feeling strengthened and transformed by the love of God in Christ.

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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.

## 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

10:00 a.m. October 16, 2022

## We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Ashley Popperson

\*Hymn #459

Lord, You Give the Great Commission v. 1, 2, 5 ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jim laniri

Lord of the Harvest.

Jesus sent his followers out into the world like lambs into the midst of wolves. commissioning them to bring your reality of love and liberation to every corner of the human experience.

It was a risky assignment that would be met with resistance and skepticism. We confess that sometimes we prefer to minister in familiar and safe places, where justice already subsists and where your love goes unchallenged. Forgive us our limited reach and narrow vision. Give us courage to stretch and to grow and to discover the joy of your expansive harvest. Amen.

Let us bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

## Assurance of Grace

God knows us

better than we know ourselves and

God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;

by God's mercy, we are made whole;

by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project

Dr. Deborah Jackson

The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

Rev. Leanne Walt

Song

Called as Partners in Christ's Service AUSTRIAN HYMN
Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

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

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon Called as Partners: Laborers in the Harvest Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem Jesus Shall Reign DUKE ST.; Arr. Susan Geschke Rockin' Ringers

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People

Jim laniri

Prayer Response (all) Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race v. 2 TALLIS' CANON God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev'rywhere.

Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.

Call to Offering Rev. Leanne Walt

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 Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!

Pepper Choplin

\*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 #484 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations v. 1-3 MESSAGE

\*Benediction Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude Come We That Love the Lord Silesian Folk Melody; Karen Harvey, organ Arr. James Kasen

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