



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

October 29, 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 #2 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY
 v. 1, 2 - all, v. 3 - bells only, v. 4 - all

Prayer of Confession (unison) Denise Miller

Mighty God of power and peace,
 Your world is fractured and crying out for healing.
 Forgive all Your people for the selfishness, pride, and resentments that we hold in our hearts.
 Forgive us our lack of patience and understanding.
 Forgive us for turning away from You and from one another.
 Though we are divided, we long to be of one accord.
 Your new covenant awaits through Jesus Christ, we pray.
 Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace
 Jesus invites us into a new and everlasting covenant through which we have the opportunity to be recreated and restored each and every day.
 We are forgiven. Glory be to God! Amen.

Reception of New Members

Bringing the Light	(See Insert)	
Blessing the Light (responsive, on insert)		Megan Mahony
New Member Vows		
Promises from the Church		Nancy Howell
*Congregational Welcome (insert)		Tracey Knox
ASAPROSAR Travelers + Prayer Shawl Blessing		
*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace		
*Musical Response	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Traditional

*As the song is sung, children are dismissed to Church School (downstairs)
and youth dismissed to "Not" Church School (library).*

We Receive God's Word

Scripture	Jeremiah 31:27-34	
Sermon	<i>The Days Are Surely Coming</i>	Rev. Leanne Walt
Anthem	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth Celestial Ringers</i>	Arr. J. D. Frizzell

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People		Denise Miller
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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>God Is Our Refuge and Strength</i>	Allen Pote
	Sanctuary Choir	Luke Swanson, trumpet

*Doxology		<i>LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>
	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 #458	<i>Ours the Journey v. 1, 2, 4</i>	Julian Rush
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*Benediction

Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Henry Purcell
	Luke Swanson, trumpet	Karen Harvey, organ

* Please stand, as you are able

Additional Ways to Give

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Reception of New Members

Bringing the Light

Blessing the Light (responsive)

Megan Mahony

One: Friends in Christ, we are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Many: These people among us have found nurture and support in the midst of this community of Christ.

One: They have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim, in our presence, their commitment to joining with the members of the United Church of Christ in Norwell in following Jesus Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: They are here, as we are here, to grow in relationship to Jesus and to strive to love God with all our hearts, with our all souls, and with all our minds.

Many: They are here, as we are here, to strive to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

One: They are here, as we are here, to shine their Christ-light into the world for all to see. Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your journey of faith that has brought you to this time and place.

Many: We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home.

New Member Vows

Promises from the Church

Nancy Howell

Leader: Members of United Church of Christ, Congregational in Norwell, I ask you, do you promise to help these gathered find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with them and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need?

UCC Norwell Members: We promise, with the help of God.

*Congregational Welcome

Tracey Knox

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of a Christ who is alive and well and at work in the world.