



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

November 5, 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 #288 O God of Vision v. 1, 2, 5 LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of Confession (unison) Bob Hawk

Dear God,
 From the creation of Your world to the creation of Your Church,
 Your Holy Spirit has summoned life,
 imparted the call, mobilized community, and
 inspired generous stewardship of earthly resources.

Though your Spirit is always on the move,
 provoking us to new dimensions of love in action,
 we confess that we are not always willing to go where it leads.
 Forgive us our stagnation.
 Forgive us our apathy.
 Forgive us our unwillingness to risk the journey.

Have mercy on us, Lord,
 transform our timid lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit.
 Fill us with desire to do Your will, follow in Your way, and be Your church.
 Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

This is the good news we have declare:
The wind blows where it wishes,
Into our sin and shortcomings to revive our spirits and renew our hearts.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

We Receive God's Word

Anthem *Glory, Glory!* Spiritual;
Arr. Adam and Matt Podd

Scripture Acts 8:26-40

Sermon *The Spirit Says Go! 2.0* Rev. Leanne Walt

Musical Response *I'm Gonna Sing* Spiritual
1. I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing!" (3x) and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
2. I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says "Pray!"...
3. I'm gonna love when the Spirit says "Love!"...

We Respond to God's Love

Prayers of the People Bob Hawk

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 *Go Down, Moses/Wade in the Water* Spirituals; Arr. Larry Shackley
Michael Ambrozewski, drums Kate Foss, bass Karen Harvey, piano

*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

Hymn #270 *Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me* TALLIS' CANON
(As the children and youth 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 #611 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

Postlude *I've Got Peace Like a River* Spiritual; Arr. Mark Hayes
Michael Ambrozewski, drums Kate Foss, bass Karen Harvey, piano

* 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.