



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*

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Terry Martinson

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #720 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

Prayer of Confession (unison) John Huycke

**Lord God,  
We know that You are life, the life which is the light of the world,  
but sometimes we allow the darkness to close in. We find ourselves driven apart from You.**

**We confess that we do not always trust Christ's gifts, sacrificing grace and truth in order to get ahead in the world. We do not always listen to Your Spirit's teaching and direction, trusting instead in our own intellect or hard work. Lord, forgive our thoughtlessness, carelessness, willful ignorance and disobedience.  
Amen.** Author: Jacob Traeger

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

**Assurance of Grace**  
The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

Faith Witness Kerline Tofuri, Jou Nouvo Founder and Director

\*The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace

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

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 Receive God's Word*

Scripture Romans 8:12-25

Sermon *Living in the Spirit* Rev. Terry Martinson

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

### *We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People John Huycke

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

### *We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn #249 *Spirit* James K. Manley

\*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

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