



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.

**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

*An Open and Affirming Church*

November 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## *We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation Rev. Leanne Walt

\*Hymn #718 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Prayer of Confession (unison) Denise Miller

**We come before you, dear God, knowing that you are full of compassion, to ask for your forgiveness and mercy. Forgive us when we live for ourselves rather than for You, storing up our gifts and resources, consuming more than our share, while others go with basic needs unmet. Forgive us when we have been preoccupied with getting and unresponsive to Your giving. Our desire for more leaves us empty, exhausted, and anxious. Help us to relax and cultivate spiritual affluence, giving thanks for the love, peace and goodness available to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Grace**  
 God is ready to satisfy those who thirst for goodness, and those who are hungry for grace, will be filled with good things. We are loved and forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## *Reception of New Members*

Please see the insert for the responsive litany.

### United Church of Christ Norwell

*We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.*

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Anthem                      *Thanksgiving Calypso*                      David Eddleman  
   Cherub Choir

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

Song                      *When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus*                      Traditional

When I think of the goodness of Jesus, and what He has done for me,  
Then my soul cries out, "Alleluia!" Thank God for saving me.

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

### *We Receive God's Word*

Scripture                      Luke 12:13-21

Sermon                      *Giving Thanks, with Generous Hearts*                      Rev. Leanne Walt

Anthem                      *O Give Thanks*                      Traditional English;  
   Arr. Douglas Wagner

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

Prayers of the People                      Denise Miller

Time to Fill Out Pledge Cards

Call to Offering                      Rev. Ashley Popperson

*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                      *Let All Things Now Living*                      ASH GROVE

The children will bring forward the food collected for area food pantries.

\*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!

\*Blessing Our Offerings and Pledges

### *We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn                      *Here We Are*                      Karen Harvey

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer: May all our work be praise. (Repeat)

Through all our ministries, we feel You touch our lives.  
May others always see Your light in our eyes.

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer,  
Hear our prayer, Lord: AMEN!!

\*Benediction                      Rev. Leanne Walt

Postlude                      *Finale on Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*                      Karen Harvey  
   Karen Harvey, organ

\* Please stand, as you are able

### *Three Ways to Give*

**Give by cash or check** in the offering plate.

**Give by Text:** you may text the amount you wish to give to 844-738-0029.

**Give Online:**



## *Reception of New Members*

### Invitation

Litany of Intent (responsive) Bibsy O'Donoghue and Nancy Howell

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 Don Spradlin

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 servant to them in times of need?

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

\*Congregational Welcome Andrew Bonica

**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.**