

UNITED CHURCH \$\sigma CHRIST\$ 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. <u>Note</u>: 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

December 11, 2022Third Sunday of Advent10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Jesus Comes	William Doane		
Welcome and Prayer of Invocation			
hting The Candle of Joy Megan Mahoi	The Candle of Joy Megan Mahony and Tom Wickham		
The Lord's Prayer and Passing of the Peace			
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn	REJOICE, REJOICE		
As the hymn is sung, children may meet their teachers in Fellowship Hall for church school.			
Prison Book Program	Kelly Brotzman		
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We Receive God's Word

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon

Anthem

God with Us: Surprising Joy

When God's Time Had Ripened

Paul Allen and Paula McMahon, solos

We Respond to God's Love

Rev. Leanne Walt

Alison Demong

Rev. Ashley Popperson

Arr. Larry Shackley

Carl Daw/Alfred Fedak

Postlude

Joy to the World Karen Harvey, organ

G. F. Handel; Arr. Kenneth Varner

* Please stand, as you are able

When God's Time Had Ripened

When God's time had ripened, Mary's womb bore fruit, scion of the Godhead, sprung from Jesse's root: so the True Vine branches from the lily's stem the Rose without blemish blooms in Bethlehem.

More than mind can fathom, limit or untwine, this mysterious yoking, human and divine, but what reason fetters faith at length unlocks, and wise hearts discover truth in paradox.

As the bread of heaven, that we might be fed, chose a manger cradle in the House of Bread, so has Life Eternal mingled in the womb with our mortal nature to confound the tomb.

For this swaddled infant in a humble place holds our hope of glory and our means of grace; in the Love enfleshed here dawns the world's rebirth, promise of salvation, pledge of peace on earth.

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:

Comfort, Comfort Now My People Karen Harvey, piano

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.

*Doxology

Offertory

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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

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn #140

Hail to the Lord's Anointed v. 1, 3, 4

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*Benediction

Rev. Leanne Walt