

WELCOME to worship at United Church of Christ in Norwell. Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are truly glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth and service. We hope you will find your time here to be meaningful and the congregation welcoming. At the conclusion of the postlude, please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING DEVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with any of these needs. A CD of this morning's service will be available for \$2.00 in the sound room (back left corner of the sanctuary), or you may borrow a copy through the church library.

Child care during summer worship is available for infants through age four downstairs in room 10.

Activity bags are available for children to use in the library (a Deacon or usher can direct assist you). Audio of the worship service can be heard in the library as well. Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

The Deacons today are David Benedict and Debbie Wooten-Angelo.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Claire Plitt in loving memory of her beloved husband, Jim.

"Prayer Chairs" (with prayer shawls on them) are located in the back right corner of the sanctuary. You are invited to come to them any time during our service. A prayer partner from our Healing and Wholeness Ministry Team will lay hands on your shoulders and *silently* pray for you. You do not need to tell them your specific prayer concern, unless you choose to do so.

Parking notes: The front driveway and rear parking lot have reserved spaces for handicapped parking. Also, some members require easier access through the front door. Please save the front driveway and marked spaces in back for those who need them.

Flower donations: A sign-up calendar is located in Fellowship Hall *on the bulletin board near the doorway to the elevator and back stairs*. You will receive a form a few weeks before the date you have signed up for inquiring about details for your donation (flowers cost \$35).

Allergy Alert! - We have children in our church community who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and eggs. Did you know that a simple smear of peanut butter (*or the oils not washed away with soap*) can cause a child to stop breathing within 1-2 minutes? (Anti-bacterial wipes or instant hand sanitizers *do not* take care of the problem.) Thank you for your help!

Please note: Our **Church School for All Ages** resumes September 24 at 9am.



United Church of Christ, Congregational
An Open and Affirming Church

Ministers to the World
Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation
All the Staff

September 10, 2017

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN**

#88 *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

NEANDER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Leanne Walt

Holy God,

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do.

**We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples,
following your way.**

**But we know in our hearts the many ways in which
we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us.**

**We forget the gift of grace you have shared with us,
we forget to look for you and trust in you in times of struggle and difficulty.**

**Forgive us and stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to take pause, to break
bread together, so that we remember just whose we are.**

Help us to be open to your will for our lives.

Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will.

**Remind us that you are always working in us and around us through the gift
of your Holy Spirit.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

In these moments of quiet reflection let us confess to God all that separates us from God and one another.

(Time for personal reflection and confessions)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, who has never strayed from you, is with you.
God will heal your hearts and direct your steps.
Place your life in God's loving care.
You are forgiven. You are loved. **Amen.**

*HYMN

You Are Holy

Michael Smith

You are holy (**You are holy**), You are mighty (**You are mighty**),
You are worthy (**You are worthy**), Worthy of praise (**Worthy of praise**);

I will follow (**I will follow**), I will listen (**I will listen**),
I will love you (**I will love you**), All of my days (**All of my days**).

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13: 3-10, 17-22

SERMON

Remember This Day

Anne Marie Holloway

ANTHEM

Psalms 23
from the Cantata "David and the Amalekites"
David Won, tenor

Pascal Szymczak
World Premiere

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leanne Walt

Response

#570 *Sweet Hour of Prayer!* v. 1

William Walford

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

If We Ever Needed the Lord
Pick-Up Choir

Spiritual;
Arr. Joseph Martin

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

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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

Hand in Hand

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN

#552 *Standing on the Promises* v. 1, 2, 4,

PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated)

Festive Toccata
Karen Harvey, organ

Rex Koury

*Standing to praise God

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