



**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** for infants through grade 2 is available downstairs in rooms 10 and 7.

**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.

**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*

September 17, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Standing to praise God

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN 458

*Ours the Journey* v. 1, 2, 4

Julian Rush

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Anne Marie Holloway

Call to Confession (Unison)

**Lord God,**

**As You inspired Moses and the people to move across the sea  
through fear and impossibility,**

**Each day Your Spirit calls us to move forward into the promise of  
tomorrow.**

**Yet, sometimes we get stuck.**

**We get stuck in a negative mindset, an uninspiring job,  
a harmful relationship, destructive behavior.**

**We get stuck in the fatigue of monotony.**

**We get stuck in the past.**

**We get stuck believing that things cannot change.**

**Strike the waters of impossibility ahead of us.**

**Gather up the danger on either side of us so  
that we can see a clear path through.**

**We pray in Christ and by Your grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

We listen for the promise of our faith,  
as expressed by the apostle Paul:

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:*

*everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN *You Are Holy* Marc Imboden/Tammi Rhoton

### WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:15-17, 19-22  
2 Corinthians 5:5-7, 16-17

SERMON *Moving Forward* Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM *Greet the Dawning* Bryan Leech/Jan Sanborn

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Anne Marie Holloway

Response #305 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Shout Amen* Jay Althouse

*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 *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

### 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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Gluten-free is available at center station. Grape juice, not wine, is served to all.)

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### 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

POSTLUDE (seated) *Festive Recessional* James Pethel  
Karen Harvey, organ