



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 24, 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 656

God of Freedom, God of Justice

REGENT SQUARE

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Marilee Cantelmo

Call to Confession (Unison)

Lord,

As we gather to celebrate the goodness of life, the joys of friendship, and the burden of faith, we hold in mind our sisters and brothers who dwell in places short of mercy, absent of freedom, and deficient of the gifts of life.

Forgive us days spent too comfortable with injustice. Forgive us occasions when we use liberty for personal gain. Make of us a people who look at our own hands and into our own hearts believing that your mercy, justice, and compassion can overpower the needs of the world. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us now silently confess to God all that separates us from God and from one another. (Time for Silent Reflection.)

Assurance of Grace

When we bring before God awareness of need and a desire to change, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue on the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 14-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Today* Rev. Leanne Walt

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *I'm Free* William and Gloria Gaither

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE DEPART TO SERVE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN #658 *Restless Weaver* v. 1, 2, 4 *BEACH SPRING*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Marilee Cantelmo

*BENEDICTION

Response #630 *We Shall Overcome* v. 1 & 2 Spiritual
We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome some day!
The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through,
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe the Lord will see us through.

POSTLUDE (seated) *Allegro Energico* Karen Harvey, organ Christian Cappelen

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Allegretto in the Style of Boccherini* Fritz Kreisler
Stephen Davis, violin

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!