



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.

Audio recordings of sermons are available online: uccnorwell.org.

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

November 19, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 718

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Steve Schlueter

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord God,

We confess, O Lord, that we have not always used the gifts you entrust us with in a faithful and responsible manner. Forgive us for the times we do not invest your gifts wisely. Forgive us for when we have buried the talents and failed to work with all the things you give us. We tend to ignore the whispers of your encouragement and doubt our abilities. So often we bury our talents, out of fear or pride and miss the chance to be a blessing to others. Forgive us the times that we are too busy to stop and share what we have with those around us. Help us to listen and watch for you in all that we do, so that we might better understand how to use our gifts and talents the way we should. Help us to open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, the ultimate gift...

Assurance of Grace

You are loved by God and given so many gifts to be used to help others. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you, continually blessing you and the gifts in your service. You are forgiven. You are loved!

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 531

Thank You, Lord

African-American Song

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 25:14-30	
SERMON	<i>So, I Was Afraid...</i>	Anne Marie Holloway
ANTHEM	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Arr. Kurt Kaiser

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steve Schlueter

Response #605 (all) *For Each Day of Life We Thank You* v. 1 *RATHBUN*

For each day of life we thank you,
God, the giver of all days;
and with hearts filled with thanksgiving,
we would serve you, now, always.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Thanksgiving Canticle* Mark Hayes

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.)

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Annual Ingathering

(At this, the children will bring forward the food collected for area food pantries and place it around the communion table.)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN 381

Take My Gifts

HYMN TO JOY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated)

Epilogue on "St. George's Windsor"
Karen Harvey, organ

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