

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.

The Deacons today are Cathy Huycke and Jim Stewart.

Child care for infants through grade two 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.

"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 entire front driveway and marked spaces in back for those who really 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!

Church School for Children and Youth: (Pre-K through 12th grade) meets at 9:00am downstairs. Our "Happenings..." faith formation group for 9th-12th grades meets in room 1.

Youth Groups: Both groups meet Sunday evenings downstairs in room 1, as follows:

4:00-5:30pm Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

6:00-7:30pm Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12)

The Memory Lane Singers' Schedule: Join us and help spread joy on these Mondays, 2-3pm. Bring your friends! *No singing experience necessary!* Call Kay Spurr, 781-545-6405, if you have questions:

Scituate Cardigan: January 23, February 13

Norwell Royal: February 6

Scituate Life Care: February 20



United Church of Christ, Congregational
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All the Congregation
All the Staff

January 22, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Leanne Walt

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #134 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN** #23 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* v.1, 2, 5 **LAUDA ANIMA**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Anne Marie Holloway

Light-bearing God, in Christ you call us to live wide-eyed
in the light of wonder and belief,
but we confess that most days we live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust.

You call us to turn our pockets and hearts inside out
and give generously to those in need,
But we confess that more often than naught we seek out loopholes
for basic matters of justice and love.

We are so poorly equipped for such a gospel call.

But you are a God who gives
abundance in draught
forgiveness in betrayal
life in the tomb

so that we can rise with courage and hope. Amen.

Time for Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Receive the good news: there is no place, not even in our hearts,
where the love of God cannot penetrate.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring
and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

People: **Praise be to God**

For the gift of forgiveness and the promise of peaceful unity!

ANTHEM

As We Come Together

Stan Pethel

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11: 33-44, 53-54

SERMON

Sightseeing

Rev. Leanne Walt

***HYMN**

#472 *We Are Living, We Are Dwelling* v.1, 3

EBENEZER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anne Marie Holloway

Response # 575 *Come and Find the Quiet Center* v.1 *BEACH SPRING*
Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Arr. Vernon Charter/
Karen Harvey

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Leanne Walt

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

Hand in Hand

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**HYMN**

#589 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Spiritual

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Karen Harvey, organ

LAUDA ANIMA;
Arr. Lani Smith

(Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude music.)

*Standing to praise God

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