

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 Brett Wollam and CJ Whitcher.

The Flowers on the pedestal today are given in memory of Phyllis Hawk by her husband, Bob Hawk and in honor of our church congregation.

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:

Norwell Royal: February 6, March 6, April 3

Scituate Cardigan: February 13, March 27, April 17

Scituate Life Care: February 20, March 20, April 10



United Church of Christ, Congregational
An Open and Affirming Church

Ministers to the World
Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation
All the Staff

January 29, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Leanne Walt

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy One, be among us –
day and night,
hill and valley,
sure-path and stumbling.

Bless us that we may be blessers.
Guide us that we may guide others.
Keep us as we come into worship
so that we can go out to serve you in the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

#66 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Anne Marie Holloway

Lord, You know our most hidden fears.
You know our secrets most tucked away.
We now bring these into the light of Your Love.
Hear our confession – silent and spoken aloud –
That we have not cared for the earth as you intend

or for one another as you command.
We have rejected Your Blessing
By doubting our truth and ignoring our purpose.
Be our guide, our judge, our joy.
Show us the way of your abundant life,
Turn us toward that path
So that we may live with renewed commitment to what is just and good.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

YOUTH FAITH SHARING *Bags of Hope* Elise Burke
Area youth groups & their families joined our youth group on Sunday Jan. 22nd to partner with Bags of Hope Ministries to fill 80 bags with toiletries for Boston-area women affected by human trafficking, addiction or homelessness. Our guest speaker was Jasmine Grace, founder of Bags of Hope Ministries. Thank you to all who generously donated items for this event.

ANTHEM *Alabaré* Manuel Alonso/Jose Págan

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON *We Are the Light of the World* Rev. Leanne Walt

***HYMN** #469 *I Am the Light of the World* v.1, 4 Jim Strathdee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Anne Marie Holloway

Response # 575 *Come and Find the Quiet Center* v.2 *BEACH SPRING*
Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *We Are Walking in the Light of God* *SIYAHAMBA*

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

Anne Marie Holloway

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

Hand in Hand

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***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

Sortie on ST. DENIO

James Denton

Karen Harvey

(Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude music.)

*Standing to praise God

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