

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 Debbie Wooten and Brett Wollam.

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

February 5, 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.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The work of the Creator is visible all around us.

All: Let us respond with praise!

One: The example of Jesus is apparent.

All: Let us respond with love!

One: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

All: Let us respond with joy!

One: The word of God is calling.

**All: Let us respond through our worship and praise of God!
Amen.**

***HYMN**

#356 *We, Your People, God, Confessing* v.1, 3, 4

IN BABILONE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, you call to us to bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry. You call to us to free the prisoner and support the downtrodden. You call out to us to love our enemy and welcome the stranger. Yet, oftentimes, we avoid or ignore the suffering all around us. We are easily discouraged, O God, because the troubles of our world seem insurmountable at times. Forgive us when we forget that we are a people of amazing faith – a faith that takes risks,

heals hearts, opens doors, and is capable of moving mountains. Forgive us when we forget that we belong to you, and that you have great faith in us. Help us to remember that through You, all things are possible. Heal us with your grace as we now enter into a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life! Friends, hear and believe this good news of the gospel! In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Behold, Now, Praise the Lord* Everett Titcomb

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:1-17

SERMON *Upside Down* Anne Marie Holloway

***HYMN** #352 *Spirit Song* John Wimber

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CJ Witcher

Response (all) #575 *Come and Find the Quiet Center* v. 3 *BEACH SPRING*

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *The God of Abraham Praise* *LEONI*; Arr. Wilbur Held
Joshua Thomas-Urlik, trombone

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 (debts/debtors)** Hand in Hand

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN** #649 *Give Thanks for Life* v. 1, 2, 4 *SINE NOMINE*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *MILES LANE*; Arr. Wilbur Held
Joshua Thomas-Urlik, trombone Karen Harvey, organ

(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.