

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 Dave Dunlap and Dave Benedict.

The flowers today are given by the Scribner family in memory of Ralph Martone and Henry Suwoski.

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 Life Care: February 20, March 20, April 10

Norwell Royal: March 6, April 3

Scituate Cardigan: March 27, April 17



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 19, 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

Rev. Leanne Walt

*HYMN

#487 *Help Us Accept Each Other* v.1-3

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Charlie McNamara

Lord God,
We confess that we have failed to live in harmony
With all of our sisters and brothers.
We have been self-righteous in our attitudes,
Closed-minded in our beliefs,
And judgmental in our opinions.
We shun those whose ways we do not understand.
We despise those who do not endorse our convictions.
Forgive our sins of judgment and arrogance.
Heal our divisiveness and discord.
That we may know the peace of Christ
And the unity of Your Heart.
Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Grace

ANTHEM *O Wondrous Love* Steve and Vikki Cook;
Arr. Bruce Greer

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36-50

SERMON *Courageous Faith* Rev. Leanne Walt

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

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Charlie McNamara

Response (all) #433 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* v. 1 DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Take My Life and Let It Be* 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

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** #609 *Take My Life* v. 1, 2, 6 HENDON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Recessional in G* Henry Kihlken
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.