

*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 Linda Falconiero and Dave Dunlap.

**The flowers** today are given by the Papadonis family in memory of Mary's sister, Jeanine.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets at 9:00am downstairs. Our "Happenings..." faith formation group for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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:** March 6, April 3

**Scituate Cardigan:** March 27, April 17

**Scituate Life Care:** 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 26, 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

\*HYMN

*You Are Holy*

Marc Imboden/Tammi Rhoton

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Nancy Howell

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
We call you Lord,  
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.  
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.**

**You tell us we cannot serve two masters,  
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,  
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.**

**Forgive us when our hearts are led astray  
When we serve other gods and worship them.**

**We turn away from our distractions and sin.  
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,  
To take up our cross and follow you.**

**We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John  
not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected.  
But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory!  
Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!  
Go, share the vision! Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased! Amen.

## ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*CRUSADER'S HYMN;*  
Arr. Mary McDonald

We Receive God's Word

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

## SERMON

*Mountaintop Experience*

Rev. Leanne Walt

## \*HYMN

*#112 Holy Ground*

Geron Davis

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now,  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground. (2x)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nancy Howell

Response (all)

*#182 Transform Us v.1, 3*

*PICARDY*

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's heights.  
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.  
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.  
Keep us from our great temptation – time and truth we quickly bind.  
Lead us down those daily path ways where our love is not confined.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

*Love Is the Greatest!*  
David Won, tenor

*Pascal Szymczak*

*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**

*#365 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* *BEACH SPRING*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*  
Karen Harvey, organ

Michael Burkhardt

(Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude music.)

\*Standing to praise God

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