

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 Benedict and Donna Nelson.

The flowers today are given by Susan and Harry Solis in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

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: March 20, April 10, May 1, June 5

Norwell Royal: March 6, April 3, May 8, June 12

Scituate Cardigan: March 27, April 17, May 22, June 26



United Church of Christ, Congregational
An Open and Affirming Church

Ministers to the World
Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation
All the Staff

March 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN

We're Gathered Here

Gary Johnson

We're gathered here because we all love Jesus;
We're in this place to glorify His name.
Our hearts reach out to touch the living God,
Because we love the Lord we're gathered here today.

We're gathered here to sing our songs and hymns of praise;
We're in this place to hear the Word of God.
Our minds reach out: oh, fill them with Your thoughts, Lord!
Because we love the Lord we're gathered here today.

We're gathered here because we're all one body;
We're in this place because we share His love.
Our hands reach out: a symbol of our offering,
Because we love the Lord we're gathered here today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Anne Marie Holloway

**God of life,
we know you created us to love You and to love our neighbors.
Yet still we cannot help but live for ourselves.
Every day we justify our actions, our timidity, our judgment by our own
standards, not Yours.
But Lord, you have found us in the ditch
and You have rescued us.
Softener our hearts to Your will,**

and inspire us to love others as You have loved us;
especially those who are most in need, those whom we pass by every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Grace

ANTHEM *Fill the World with Love* David Edwards

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37

SERMON *How Do I Love?* Rev. Leanne Walt

Response (all) #495 *Weave (3x)* Rosemary Crow

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response (all) #485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race* v. 1, 4 *TALLIS' CANON*

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.
God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *God's Grace, All Sufficient* Arr. Margaret Tucket
Celestial Ringers Stephen Davis, violin

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

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Carillon - Toccata* Gordon Young
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.