

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 Janet Johnson and Ella Segall.

The flowers today are given by Pat and John Kelso in joyful recognition of the recommendation of Leanne Walt as our settled pastor! Thank you God, Leanne, Leanne's family, and our wonderful Search Committee. Thank you for this beautiful start of spring at UCC Norwell. Hallelujah!

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.

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: April 10, May 1, June 5

Norwell Royal: 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 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

Search Committee Announcement

Carrie Sorokoff

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we enter into a brand-new moment of worship this morning.

All: We come with deep gratitude and wide expectation.

One: Thank you for dreaming this church into being.

All: Thank you for inviting us to build and find new life in it.

One: Thank you for dreaming this day into being.

All: Thank you for inviting us to celebrate it with you and with one another.

***HYMN** #461 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* v. 1, 2, 4 **BEACH SPRING**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

One: Open our eyes to see injustice in the world.

All: Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor.

One: Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy.

All: Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation.

One: Open our minds to imagine an end to human suffering.

All: Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace.

One: Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far.

All: Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ
For the sake of the world and the kingdom at hand,
In the name of Christ we pray.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

According to the Lord's abundant mercy,
There is forgiveness for all who seek repentance,
And grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God! Amen

ANTHEM *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* *SPIRITUAL*
Arr. Karen Harvey

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:6-12

SERMON *Repairers of the Breach* Reverend June Cooper

***HYMN** #610 *Living for Jesus v. 1, 3* Thomas O. Chisholm/
C. Harold Lowden

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Reverend Leanne Walt

Response (all) #266 *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me v.1* *LUX PRIMA*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I myself would gracious be,
and with words that help and heal, would thy life in mine reveal,
and with actions bold and meek, would for Christ my Savior speak.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Bourree* G. F. Handel
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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

H.O.P.E. Puppet Ministry

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

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN** #614 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* *SPIRITUAL*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on BEACH SPRING* Arr. Marianne Kim
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.