

*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 Donna Nelson and Janet Johnson.

The flowers today are given by Gretchen Buitta and Betsy Currier "To the Glory of God in the Garden."

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.

**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:** 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**

**April 2, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Leanne Walt

Leader: Welcome, travelers, to the adventure of faith.

**People: Faith is our compass, helping us to navigate the land called life.**

Leader: Come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living a life of intention, of community, of love, of generosity.

**People: We are ready to sail and to soar –**

Leader: Stretching ourselves to places of challenge and Giving into our longings for greater peace and justice.

**People: With faith enough to lift us above the needs and hungers of the world,**

Leader: This is the way we worship God.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN

#86 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* v. 1 & 2

**FAITHFULNESS**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Bryan Horner

Dear God,

**We admit that we keep a safe distance from your call.**

**We have not always loved our neighbors as fully as you command.**

**We are quick to judge and point out others' faults**

**while we remain unaware of our own.**

**We often put our own interests before yours.**

**We have been shortsighted in our care for your creation.**

**Help us turn back to you, O Lord,**

**help us come out of hiding and into the light of your presence.  
We pray this now for our sake and for the sake of your world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Scripture tells us that God's love will find us  
no matter how far we stray.  
Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding up in a tree,  
God will seek us out and bring us home  
no matter our failures and faults.  
This is the good news of the Gospel!  
God loves us. God calls us. God forgives us.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Meditation on Psalm 23* Karen Harvey  
*Rockin' Ringers*

We Receive God's Word

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 19:1-10

**SERMON** *Come Down!* Reverend Leanne Walt

**\*HYMN** #606 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* v.1 & 3 *NETTLETON*

We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Bryan Horner

Response (all) #570 *Sweet Hour of Prayer!* v. 3 *SWEET HOUR*

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return,  
sweet hour of prayer!

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES**

Offertory *If I Sing* Charles F. Brown  
Cherub Choir

*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  
Words of Institution  
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.**  
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**

**GREETINGS FROM ASAPROSAR** Lucy and Katia Luna

\***HYMN** #464 *God of Grace and God of Glory* v.1,4,5 *CWM RHONDDA*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *God, the Faithful Rock* Rachel Sawyer  
*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.*