

*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. 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 Mark Nittel and Donna Nelson.

**The flowers** in the window are given by Emily and Greg Milliken in memory of their father, Dr. David Milliken

**The flowers** on the pedestal represent the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when the crowds went to meet Him, shouting: "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!"

**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. A simple smear of peanut butter *or residual 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 consideration of this before you leave your home to come to church!

**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  
**Scituate Cardigan:** April 17, May 22, June 26; **Norwell Royal:** May 8, June 12



**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 9, 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Leanne Walt

Leader: Surprising God,  
You come into our lives in ways we do not expect.  
We ask to be loved;

**People: You ask us to love.**

Leader: We ask for ease;

**People: You challenge us.**

Leader: We ask for stability;

**People: You reposition us.**

Leader: We ask for a Messiah who will conquer the powerful  
and overturn the wrongs of this world.

**People: You come as one who rides through the dangerous streets of  
Jerusalem toward death and who calls us to spread our cloaks  
of peace and palms of justice throughout the world.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN

#129 *Lift Up Your Heads*

TRURO

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Denise Miller

**Holy God,**  
**We confess that we want you to meet our expectations  
rather than changing our lives to meet yours.**  
**We confess that we are often fickle and self-centered  
like the Jerusalem crowd, shouting "Hosanna"  
one day and "Crucify" the next.**  
**We confess that we prefer the festivity of Palm Sunday  
to the painful sadness of Holy Week.**

**Forgive us all our sins and help us take up our own cross to follow you.  
Amen.**

Silent Confession

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Where and when we fail  
God is there to make all things new.  
Where and when we reach out  
God holds us close and forgives all things.  
Be at peace in knowing that you are forgiven and cherished.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**ANTHEM** *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith

We Receive God's Word

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 19:28-42

**SERMON** *Where We Might Go Together* Reverend Leanne Walt

**\*HYMN** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Denise Miller

Response (all) #180 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* v.1,4 ST. FLAVIAN  
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,  
an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES**

Offertory *Palm Branches* Jean Faure; Arr. Carl Bruche

*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**

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

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*HYMN** *Here We Are* Karen Harvey

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer: May all our work be praise. (Repeat)

Through all our ministries, we feel You touch our lives.  
May others always see Your light in our eyes.

Here we are: gathered in this moment;  
Here we are: standing in this place,  
Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:  
Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer,  
Hear our prayer, Lord: AMEN!!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Arr. Clay Christiansen  
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.*