

*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).

The Deacons today are: 9am Ella Segall and Bibsy O'Donoghue  
11am Harry Solis and Jim Stewart

The arrangement on the pedestal today is an interpretation of the first Easter, with the cross being represented by the manzanita branch; the stone being rolled away from the tomb as Mary and the disciples found it; the palms having been strewn and left over from Palm Sunday and the triumphal march into Jerusalem; and the white lily in all its glory and triumph: the risen Christ. Alleluia and Amen. A blessed Easter to all! With love, from Pat and John Kelso

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:

(not on Easter) 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: 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

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Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation  
All the Staff

April 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

Processional  
Joseph Foley, trumpet Karen Harvey, organ

Matthew H. Corl

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Rev. Leanne Walt

One: Dawn breaks. Light out of darkness. Life out of death.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Hope replaces doubt. Faith overcomes fear. Love transforms hate.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: The light shines in the darkness.

The darkness has not, and will not, overcome it.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: God has made this new day. We rejoice and are glad in it.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

\*HYMN

#216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today v.1, 2, 4

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Anne Marie Holloway

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

The Easter Tomb

Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM

Worthy Is the Lamb (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Anne Marie Holloway

Response (All) #226 *He Lives!* v. 3 ACKLEY  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES**

Offertory *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Arr. Karen Harvey  
Celestial Ringers; Brad Moses, bass; Joseph Foley, trumpet

*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 Confession (All)

**Christ is risen! Forgive us for not shuddering at the thought;  
For each day when we have lived unbothered by the  
empty tomb.**

**Forgive us our common expectations:  
That fear is inescapable,  
That violence is unavoidable,  
That greed is inevitable,  
That justice is fictional.**

**Lord, how we have yet to become Your Easter People.  
Lord, how we long to become Your Easter People.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

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**

\***HYMN**

#233 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*HYFRYDOL*

*11 am Service – Blessing of the Youth for Mission trip*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Thine Is the Glory*

G. F. Handel;  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

(Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude music.)

\*Standing to praise God

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