

*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 CJ Witcher and Harry Solis.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by the Blanchard Family.

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 front driveway and marked spaces in back for those who 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:** May 1, June 5  
**Norwell Royal:** May 8, June 12  
**Scituate Cardigan:** 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 23, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*HYMN

#222 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jerry Thornell

Redeeming God,  
with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy.

When doubt assails us, and we fail to recognize you at work in our lives,  
**Lord, have mercy!**

When fear impairs our faith, and our eyes and ears and hearts do not know you,  
**Christ, have mercy!**

When anger and sorrow stop us from doing the risky work of love,  
**Lord, have mercy!**

Silent Confession

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In those times when our faith falters,  
when we cannot see the presence of the Holy among us,  
God takes our faith and transforms it,  
Showing us the many ways Christ walks among us.  
Look around you:

as close as your own beating heart,  
in the eyes of your nearest neighbor,  
grace abounds at the heart of all life,  
We are all God's children, loved without condition.  
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**ANTHEM** *He Is Risen* Michael Jothen

We Receive God's Word

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 24: 13-35

**SERMON** *The Road* Rev. Leanne Walt

**\*HYMN** #215 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* v.1, 3 *ST. KEVIN*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Now the brightest season dawns with the day of splendor,  
now the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Jerry Thornell

Response (all) #231 *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* v.1 *HOLY MANNA*

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,  
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,  
Christ who once upon a hill top, raised against the power of sin,  
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *He Arose* Arr. Marianne Kim  
Karen Harvey, piano

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** Rev. Leanne Walt

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

\***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

\***HYMN** #218 *Thine Is the Glory* *MACCABEUS*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Sortie on ST. KEVIN* Arr. Thomas Elleswood  
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.*