

*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 Whitcher and Brett Wollam.

**The flowers on the pedestal** today are given by Linda Conaway in memory of her parents, Dee and Betty Cobb.

**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 30, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

**CALL OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Leanne Walt

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN**

#226 *He Lives!*

*ACKLEY*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Responsively)

Frank Rizzo

Jesus lives!

**He is risen indeed.**

The risen Lord appears unexpectedly in our lives. As we tremble, he greets us saying, "Peace be with you."

**Yes, give us peace Lord, for you are the Prince of Peace.**

Peace is a great gift. There is so little peace in our lives and in the world today.

Lord, what must we do to have peace? How do we receive this gift?

**Jesus said: "Blessed be the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."**

Children of God, no wonder that we tremble. Jesus calls upon us to be at once at peace with our God, and he calls us to be God's peacemakers--to do God's work.

How do we dare carry the Peace of Christ out into a troubled world?

**Grant us peace. From that peace, give us courage Lord, transform us that we may strive to be peacemakers in a broken world.**

Silent Confession

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Sisters and brothers in Christ, though persecuted and crucified for righteousness' sake, the tomb could not hold Jesus. Most gracious God, we place our trust and hope in you. Animate and embolden your children. Open us more fully to your Spirit. Open our hearts that we might hear the risen Christ calling us out of our self-imposed exile from you and into your world. Humbly, for we know we will fall short and hand in hand, we are transformed even while we tremble. We rejoice to be the channel of your peace, that your kingdom will come.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia*

Gordon Young

We Receive God's Word

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36-43, 50-53

## SERMON

*Lifted Up*

Rev. Leanne Walt

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Hand in Hand*  
Frank Rizzo, solo

Frank Rizzo

We Respond to God's Love

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Rizzo

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

*I Would Build a Garden*  
Chris Nordstrom and Michelle Glidden

Chris Nordstrom

*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

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!

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CJ Whitcher

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

Hand in Hand

\***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

\***HYMN**

#231 *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

*HOLY MANNA*

\***BENEDICTION**

\*Standing to praise God

*We thank UCC Norwell member Jeanette Simmons for providing piano accompaniment this morning.*

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