

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 Deb Wooten and Ella Segall.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Dave Marsden in memory of Helen and Len Marsden.

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.

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 12th grade) meets at 9:00am downstairs. Our "Happenings..." faith formation group for 9th-12th 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:
Norwell Royal: May 8, June 12
Scituate Cardigan: May 22, June 26
Scituate Life Care: June 5



United Church of Christ, Congregational
An Open and Affirming Church

Ministers to the World
Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation
All the Staff

May 7, 2017

10:00 a.m.

THEME "Together we can do great things: Expect the unexpected!"

CALL OF THE BELL

Cooper Dawson

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Caroline Gillis and Lily Holloway

Voice I: We are the body of Christ!

Voice II: Justice seeking, hymn singing, risk taking, heart pumping, arms embracing...

All: Body of Christ!

Voice I: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

All: Many and varied in gender, color, age and ability, we are all members of Christ's body.

Voice II: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

All: For only together can we find wholeness.

Voice I: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

All: For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers; we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Voice II: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

#452 *Here I Am, Lord* v. 1, 3

Daniel L. Schutte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elise Burke

Grace-filled God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter our lives and the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do

not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. We sometimes turn away from the poverty, the violence, and the suffering all around us, Lord. Sometimes, it all feels just too overwhelming and we are left feeling helpless. We forget that through you – we are never helpless. Oftentimes, we fail to remember that we can make a difference in the life of another with just a simple act of kindness. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Cooper Dawson

Hear this good news! By Christ's work, we are forgiven and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

ANTHEM

We Are One, Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Kendall Anthony

FAITH WITNESSES

Cam Gillis, Chrissy Knox

MUSICAL OFFERING

As Swift as a Deer
David Won, piano

Daniel Gottlob Turk

FAITH WITNESSES

Jill Williamson, Eliza Cohen

HYMN

#599 *Day by Day*

Stephen Schwartz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richie Knox

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Ella Segall

Offertory

Overcome
Kendall Anthony and Elise Burke

Jon Egan

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Charlie McNamara and Anne Marie Holloway

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)

CJ Whitcher

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN**

#614 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* v.1,2,3

SPIRITUAL

***BENEDICTION**

The Seniors

POSTLUDE

Toccata for a Joyous Day
Karen Harvey, organ

William Hart

*Standing to praise God

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We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.