

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 Dave Benedict and Deb Wooten.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Bob Hawk and family in loving memory of Phyllis, wife, mother and grandmother and in honor of all mothers and daughters.

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 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:

Scituate Cardigan: May 22, June 26

Scituate Life Care: June 5

Norwell Royal: 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

May 14, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: We are God's church:

All: We come together to worship.

One: He has given us his Word:

All: We come together to learn from him.

One: He has filled us with his power:

All: We go out to bring others to him.

One: He has called us into his family:

All: We come together to share our lives.

One: He has put his words on our lips:

All: We go out to tell the world about him.

One: He has given us his Spirit:

All: We come together to celebrate.

One: He has freed us from our past:

All: We come together to move forward.

One: We are God's church:

All: We come together to worship

*HYMN

#276 *We Gather Together*

KREMSER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Carrie Sorokoff

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples. In doing so, you created bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. Forgive us for the times we turn our hearts away from you and the work of your life-giving Spirit. Transform our timid lives, O God, by the power of your courageous Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The good news in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings! Praise be to God! We are loved! We are forgiven! **Amen.**

ANTHEM *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* John Ness Beck

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47

SERMON *Breaking Bread Together* Anne Marie Holloway

Response (all seated) #425 *Let Us Break Bread Together* v.1, 3 **SPIRITUAL**

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) 2X
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees) 2X
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response (all seated) #420 *I Come with Joy* v.1, 4 **DOVE OF PEACE**

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* **MADRID;**
Karen Harvey, piano Arr. Becki Mayo

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

Anne Marie Holloway

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***HYMN** #280 *God Is Here* v.1, 2, 4 **ABBOT'S LEIGH**

POSTLUDE *March in C* George F. Handel
Karen Harvey, organ

*Standing to praise God

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