

*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 Dave Dunlap.

**The flowers on the pedestal** today are given by Kay and Jack Spurr in memory of Betty Spurr.

**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 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 21, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

### INTROIT

*Sing It!*  
Cherub Choir

Joanne LeDoux

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Psalm 150

One: Praise ye the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power!

**All: Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

One: Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp!

**All: Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with the stringed instruments and organs!**

One: Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals!

**All: Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!**

### \*HYMN

#7 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Karen Harvey

**Glorious God,**

**We gather together in worship this morning seeking beauty and meaning.**

**We ask that you fill our hearts with the song of your Holy Spirit and touch our lives with its ministry of melody. For we do not always remember to revel in the musical moments that we find in our day to day. Forgive us for the times that we choose not to hear your heavenly music in the whisper of the wind,**

**in the cooing of a dove, or the pitter patter of the rain just outside of our windows. Forgive us when we do not recognize the divine melody found in simply caring for another person. We pray today, that through the sounds and senses of your music we might be absorbed in the mystery and the healing of your mercy and love.**

Silent Confession

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Beloved, we are forgiven! Hear this good news! God does not disappoint those who come to him in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in Faith. God's grace is an exhortation that is eternally written on our hearts! **Amen!**

### FAITH WITNESS

Susan, Paul and Andrew Allen

### ANTHEM

*Psalm 150*  
Sanctuary Choir

Louis Lewandowski

We Receive God's Word

### SERMON

*"The Music of Our Lives..."*

Anne Marie Holloway

Response (all seated) #87 *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord* *FILLMORE*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing:

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness;  
with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing:

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

We Respond to God's Love

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Karen Harvey

Response

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*  
Stephen Davis, violin

Robert Lowry;  
Arr. Lani Snith

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

*Toccata for a Joyous Day*  
Celestial Ringers Brad Moses, bass

Paul McKlveen

*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

Cathy Benedict/Karen Harvey

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

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*HYMN

*Here We Are*

Karen Harvey

POSTLUDE

*Elation (World Premiere)*  
*Rockin' Ringers*

Karen Harvey

\*Standing to praise God

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