

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 Linda Falconiero and Dave Dunlap.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Phyllis and Warren Yanarella in loving memory of Phyllis' mother, Louise Edmonds.

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 Life Care: June 5
Norwell Royal: June 12
Scituate Cardigan: 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

May 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: In a world filled with violence and war,

All: We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

One: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

All: We gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

One: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

All: We gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

One: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

All: The Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

***HYMN**

#631 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* v.1,3 J. Rosamond Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of peace,

Forgive us when we have participated

in that which turns people against each other,

and for not heeding your call to love one another.

Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers us.

Help us to have the courage to see past war and oppression

and live for the day when your peace shall reign.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear this good news! For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. God offers us new life. All that we regret shrinks in importance, all that we hope blossoms and grows. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are made anew! Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

ST. COLUMBA
Arr. Jane Holstein

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8: 26-39

SERMON

The Good News about Jesus

Anne Marie Holloway

Response (all seated) #368 *I Come to Be Baptized Today* v.1, 3 O WALY WALY

I come to be baptized today to die with Christ and rise again.
I choose through Christ to walk God's way and seek a new life without end.

The waters clear shall soon enfold my body and my old life, too.
Through Spirit's gift I will be bold to start to live my life anew.

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Kelso

Response (all seated) #340 *Softly and Tenderly* v.1

THOMPSON

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling- calling, "O sinner, come home!"

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

Jack Spurr, solo

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anne Marie Holloway

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN

#517 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* v.1-3

BEECHER

POSTLUDE

Forward in Faith
Vytas Baksys, organ

David Paxton

*Standing to praise God

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