

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 Bob Hawk and John Galvin.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Kay and Jack Spurr in memory of Kay's dad, Ralph Stranburg.

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:
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

June 11, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. John C. Brink

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

*HYMN

#453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* v.1-3

BEECHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Betsy Brink

Lord, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place and the world. Touch us with Truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves us like wind, and sets us free, Lord – free to love and laugh and sing; free to try new ways of living; free to forgive ourselves and others; free to lay aside our burdens of insecurity; free to join the battle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of all things. Lord, look into our hearts; see the sin and brokenness that dwells there. Listen to our hopes, our longings, our aching for your forgiveness and freedom, as we come before you in silent prayer...

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God does not hold our wonderings and struggles, our arrogance and errors against us, but in an extravagant outpouring of love through Jesus, God has graciously forgiven our sin and our frailties. God comes to us again and again to assure us.

Thanks be to God!

Amen!

ANTHEM *Elijah Rock* Spiritual; Arr. Jester Hairston

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON *Ready to Go!* Rev. John C. Brink

* **HYMN** #4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* v.1, 2, 4 *NICAEA*

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Betsy Brink

Response (all seated) #609 *Take My Life* v.1, 6 *HENDON*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;

let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,

ever, only, all for thee.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Go Ye into the World* Natalie Sleeth

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

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

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN** #459 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, v.1, 2 *ABBOT'S LEIGH*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* Healey Willan
Karen Harvey, organ

*Standing to praise God

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