

*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.

**Child care during summer worship** is available for infants through age four downstairs in room 10.

**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.

**The Deacons** today are Janet Johnson and Linda Falconiero.

**The flowers on the pedestal** today are given by Lorraine, Paula and Phillip in memory of our husband and father, Robert Olsen.

**"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!

**Please note:** Our **Church School for All Ages** does not meet during the summer, but will resume again on September 24.



**United Church of Christ, Congregational**  
*An Open and Affirming Church*

Ministers to the World  
Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation  
All the Staff

July 2, 2017

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

Rev. John Brink

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

God is gracious and merciful.

**God's bounty is love.**

We are all God's beloved.

**We listen for God's voice.**

Leaping upon mountains, bounding over hills,

**Gazing through the fence, we look and see God's face.**

### \*HYMN

#59 *This Is My Father's World*

*TERRA BEATA*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Dr. Bert White

**Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to trust in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life.**

**Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Sisters and brothers, hear these good words: There are varieties of services and activities, but the same Lord Jesus. To each of us is given the presence of the Spirit, for our rest and for the common good. This is the good news we seek. Alleluia.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11: 25-30

SERMON *Truly Restful Peace* Rev. John Brink

ANTHEM *Secrets* Amy Beach  
David Won, Jr., piano

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Bert White

Response (all seated) #353 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* v. 1, 2 AUSTIN

Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;  
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Sonata in D Major* Franz Joseph Haydn  
Diana Won, piano

*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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

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.**

Words of Institution

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) Hand in Hand

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*HYMN #340 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated) *Allegro* George F. Handel  
Eileen Huang, organ

\*Standing to praise God

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