

*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 Ella Segall and Harry Solis.

**The flowers on the pedestal** today are given by The Scribner Family in memory of Charles Scribner.

**"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

**August 6, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

### CALL OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*HYMN

#17 O Worship the King v.1, 3, 5

LYONS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jerry Thornell

**Merciful God,**

**We are thankful for your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into our fractured relationships, family differences, and unreconciled situations with people we care about. Oftentimes, we forget that you are here with us – through it all.**

**We confess that too often we hold onto things that do not matter because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily. Help us to unclench our hands and hand it all over to you so that we can open ourselves to the transforming power of your Holy Spirit.**

(time for silent confessions)

**Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear this good news! God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant. Receive the bread of forgiveness and feel God's steadfast love. We are forgiven! We are blessed!

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *He Has Made Me Glad* Leona Von Brethorst  
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
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### We Receive God's Word

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 32:22-31  
**SERMON** *The Blessing of Presence* Anne Marie Holloway  
**ANTHEM** *You'll Never Walk Alone* Richard Rodgers  
David Won, tenor Diana Won, piano

### We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Jerry Thornell

Response (all seated) #485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race* v.1 *TALLIS' CANON*  
Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* Spiritual  
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 *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** #668 *For the Healing of the Nations* v.1, 2, 4 CWM RHONDDA

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** (seated) *Toccata on "Veni Creator"* Matthew M. Bellocchio  
Michael Eaton, organ  
(b. 1950)

\*Standing to praise God

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