

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 Jim Stewart and Harry Solis.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Jean, Doug and Alyssa Holley in memory of their son and father, Stephen Holley, who would have been 41 on August 16th.

"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 13, 2017

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN**

#280 *God Is Here!* v.1, 2, 4

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Judy Kuehn

**Here we are, Lord, summoned by your Spirit
into this place and community
to be strengthened and sustained in order to live life in the greatness of
your image.
Forgive us for when we do not reflect your
image of mercy and generosity into the world.
Forgive our hard-heartedness when exposed to the suffering of others
and our busyness that prevents us from being present to others.
Slow us down to recognize your call,
and to accept it – risk, burden, and all.**

In these moments of quiet reflection let us confess to God all that separates us from God and one another.

(Time for personal reflection and confessions)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***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.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
(sing 2x)

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37: 1-28

SERMON *The Trouble with Belief* Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM *Meditation* Jules Massenet
Hana Isihara, flute

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Kuehn

Response *O Lord, Most Merciful* César Franck
Pick-up Choir and Hana Isihara

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* **FOREST GREEN**
Pick-up Choir Arr. Stan Pethel

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) Hand in Hand

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN** #709 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **AUSTRIAN HYMN**

***COMMISSIONING OF EL SALVADOR TRAVELERS**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated) *Jesus Shall Reign* **DUKE STREET**
Karen Harvey, organ Arr. Lana Kelley

*Standing to praise God

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