

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 CJ Whitcher.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Harry and Susan Solis in celebration of Susan's Mom's 85th birthday on August 22nd.

"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 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN**

#67 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* v.1, 2, 3, 6

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jim Stewart

God of Hope,

We offer up to you our complicity and indifference in matters of race and class.

We offer up to you our excuses and illusions of helplessness in these matters.

We acknowledge our history that has given rise and voice to white supremacy.

Empower your Church to conquer hate in all its forms; to act in ways that incite your love, provoke your peace, and embolden your kingdom.

We pray in the life of Jesus Christ, whom we seek to follow and serve.

Amen.

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

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE Genesis 6:11-16, 22; 7:11-19; 8:6-12

SERMON *Building the Ark* Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM *You Will I Love* Kevin Hildebrand
Mary Papadonis, Pat Kelso, Anne Bussiere, Jody Hodgdon, Jane Nelson, Jack Spurr,
Paul Allen, John Kelso

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jim Stewart

Response #73 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* v. 1, 4 *WELLESLEY*

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Still* Reuben Morgan
Mary Papadonis and Michael Lawson

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** #487 *Help Us Accept Each Other* v. 1, 3, 4 *LANCASHIRE*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Gordon Young
Karen Harvey, organ

*Standing to praise God

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