

*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 Brett Wollam and CJ Whitcher.

**The flowers on the pedestal** today are given by the Spurr family in loving memory of Kay's mother, Phyllis Stramberg's birthday.

**"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 27, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

We Gather in God's Name

**CALL OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Leanne Walt

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN**

#14 *Womb of Life and Source of Being* v.1, 2, 3

*IN BABILONE*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Harry Solis

**Lord, forgive us our expectations of perfection – for ourselves and for those around us.**

**Forgive us when we run ourselves into exhaustion trying to hide our weakness.**

**Forgive us when we hide our past for fear of judgment.**

**Forgive us when we hide our failures instead of finding their instruction.**

**Forgive us when we expect a change in the world without the involvement of our hands and feet.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, who loves us into repentance. 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** #495 *Weave* (3x) Rosemary Crow

We Receive God's Word

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 2: 1-10

**SERMON** *Imperfect Beginnings* Rev. Leanne Walt

**ANTHEM** *Dona Nobis Pacem* Arr. Hal Hopson  
Helen Burgess, Nancy Moses, Brad Moses

We Respond to God's Love

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Harry Solis

Response #628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* v. 1 Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES**

Offertory *Love As If* Julie and Frank Rizzo  
Frank Rizzo

*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** #542 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* *ABERYSTWYTH*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (seated) *Promenade* (from "Jubilee Suite") Gordon Young  
Karen Harvey, organ

\*Standing to praise God

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