



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 for infants through grade 2 is available downstairs in rooms 10 and 7.

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.

United Church of Christ, Norwell

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

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United Church of Christ, Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

October 1, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 280

God Is Here! v. 1, 3, 4

ABBOT'S LEIGH

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

John Galvin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, Life is extraordinary;

Full of wonder, goodness and generosity.

Yet, we don't often receive the gifts of life in this way.

We receive challenges as burdens rather than opportunities.

We receive failures as destructive rather than instructive.

We receive disagreements as divisive rather than enlightening.

We receive abundance as scarcity rather than an invitation toward openhandedness.

Forgive us those times when we have not unwrapped your gift of life.

Forgive us when we have missed your point. evaded your teaching,

avoided your truth,

or sidestepped your Kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God's forgiveness is among us, within us and always available to us. Children of God, may you be at peace and in all things known by your love. We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

