



**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 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Standing to praise God

*Let's Go, Let's Grow, Let's Serve the Lord!*

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN 25

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty v. 1, 2, 3, 5 LOBE DEN HERREN*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Rev. Leanne Walt

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**All knowing and loving God,**

**You know us as we are, and yet you still love us.**

**Forgive us for the times we forget to welcome in your grace.**

**Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.**

**Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.**

**Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and anger into the freedom and energy found in being a forgiving people.**

**Open our eyes to the power of your love.**

**In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Assurance of Grace

Friends hear this good news! God says to us: I love you. I'm proud of you.

Know that I have forgiven you. I call you by name. You are mine. I will stand by you in all times and all places. Dare to live fully the life *to which* I have called you!

You are forgiven! You are loved!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Children of God, Rise Up and Sing*

Avery Harken

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 18: 21-35	
SERMON	<i>What sort of question is that?</i>	Anne Marie Holloway
ANTHEM	<i>Go and Shine God's Light</i> Brad Moses, string bass	Dana Mengel
STEWARDSHIP FAITH WITNESS	Jack and Kay Spurr	

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Leanne Walt
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Response #339      *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* v. 4      *WOODWORTH*  
Just as I am, thy love unknown, hast broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> Rockin' Ringers	Arr. Karen Harvey
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*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

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*HYMN #200      *What Wondrous Love Is This* v. 1, 3, 4      Appalachian Folk Hymn

\*BENEDICTION<sup>†</sup>

POSTLUDE (seated)	<i>Recessional</i> Karen Harvey, organ	Frank Asper
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<sup>†</sup>Following the Benediction, those who wish to do so may join us in the Memorial Garden for a brief interment service for Don Hudson.