



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 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.

Audio recordings of sermons are available online: uccnorwell.org.

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 29, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! v. 1, 2, 4

NICAEA

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Susan Solis

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear God,

We confess that some days we spend more time worrying than trusting; more time toiling and spinning than being present to you and to one another.

Forgive us when we treasure our possessions over our time, or when we treasure our possessions over the well-being of others.

Forgive us our culture that teaches us to love things and use people, rather than to love people and use things.

Help us to be different. Help us to measure wealth with the currency of compassion.

We pray, seeking to love and follow Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Beloved, God overpowers our sins with grace.

Be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world. **Amen.**

*HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad

Leona Von Brethorst

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:22-34
SERMON *The Gift of the Kingdom* Rev. Leanne Walt
ANTHEM *There Is One God* Karen Harvey

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Susan Solis
Response #354 *Seek Ye First* *SEEK YE FIRST*
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *Faithful Souls* Twila Paris
Mary Papadonis, 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 TIME Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN 531 *Thank You, Lord* *THANK YOU, LORD*

*BENEDICTION

*Following the Benediction, please join us for the Stewardship presentation
and luncheon in the fellowship hall.*