



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.

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

November 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 18

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Ann Marie Holloway

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord God,

**It's easy for our faith to become stagnant,
simply believing what we believe.**

Yet, when we really listen for Your gospel,

**it will always challenge us toward change and transformation.
Forgive us when our beliefs prevent us from seeing new perspectives
and different viewpoints.**

**It is not always easy to admit a change of heart,
a change in perspective or opinion.**

**Yet, you remind us that Your Kingdom among us will come
through a change in our ways.**

**Help us to follow the goodness of our hearts,
led by Your love and compassion above all else.**

Help us to become the answer to our prayers.

In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

Assurance of Grace

People of God,

Believe again in the gospel: that in Christ we are always

Offered the possibility of transformation and

Growth toward new life.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN *He Has Made Me Glad* Leona Von Brethorst

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21: 28-32

SERMON *It's Ok to Change Your Mind* Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM *We Are More than Conquerors* Mark Hayes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ann Marie Holloway

Response #382 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* v. 1 & 2 SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Arr. Dale Wood

*Please take this time to fill out your pledge card,
indicating your financial gift to the church for the 2018 fiscal year.
Thank you for your generous service to Christ and to the building of His kingdom.*

*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 Communion music today is from the Violin Sonata #18 in G by Wolfgang A. Mozart.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN *Here We Are* Karen Harvey

Here we are: gathered in this moment;

Here we are: standing in this place,

Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:

Hear our prayer: May all our work be praise. (Repeat)

Through all our ministries, we feel You touch our lives.

May others always see Your light in our eyes.

Here we are: gathered in this moment;

Here we are: standing in this place,

Worshipping one God, together in the Spirit:

Hear our prayer, Hear our prayer,

Hear our prayer, Lord: AMEN!!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated) *Toccata on "Old Hundredth"* Michael Burkhardt
Karen Harvey, organ

We thank our teachers and shepherds from session one of our Church School program for their time as they shared and nurtured the faith of children of our Church.

This session included:

Middle School: Doug Holley, Kirsten McNamara and Brenda Stewart;

Grades 2 to 4: Matt Hawk, Amy Lestage and Denise Miller;

K to 1: Laura Anderson, Carrie Sorokoff and Brianna Benedict; and

Pre-K: Mary Ellen Lambert, Kirsten Albert and Cathy Benedict.