



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 12, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Walt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

ELLACOMBE

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Mark Nittel

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord God,

Today, as we honor those who have sacrificed their own peace for our peace, sacrificed their own security for our security, we confess that we do not always live in a way that honors their sacrifice.

As a country, we do not yet live in harmony with all of our sisters and brothers.

Heal our divisiveness, that we may know the peace of Christ and the unity of Your heart.

Amen.

(silent confession)

Assurance of Grace

There is no place that the love of God cannot reach.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

Thanks be to God for the gift of forgiveness and the promise of peaceful unity!

*HYMN 531

Thank You, Lord

African-American Song

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 1-14

SERMON *Will There be Another Invitation?* Rev. Leanne Walt

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
Robbi Boston, Martha Dickinson, Linda Conaway, Linda VonInderstein,
Sally Hall, Joseph Jordan, Mike Lawson, Paul Allen, Brad Moses

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mark Nittel

Response #452 (all) *Here I Am, Lord v. 3* Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart, in my heart.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory *The Heavens Are Telling* Ludwig van Beethoven

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Are We So Different?* HOPE Puppet Ministry

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN 705 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* 19th Century
American Tune

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (seated) *With the Saints in Glory Shining* Edward Broughton
Karen Harvey, organ