

Welcome to



Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

*An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community*

Worship at 10:00 AM

August 11, 2024

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As a caring and welcoming community, using the Bible as a resource and the teachings of Jesus as our guide, we joyfully welcome everyone into our Christian community, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, age, mental status, family structure, physical or mental ability, religious background or theological perspective, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. As Christian disciples, we invite all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, worship, sacraments, blessings and joys of our congregation.

** All who are able, please stand*

Gathering

Chorale Prelude on "Seelenbräutigam"
based on the tune by Adam Drese

George Blake

What's happening at Woodridge?

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

At the beginning of the day
We seek your countenance among us, O God,
In the countless form of creation all around us
In the sun's rising glory
In the face of friend and stranger
Your Presence within every presence
Your Light within all light
Your Heart at the heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of morning wash our sight
That we may see your Life
In every life this day.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship:

One: Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, lowly Christ Lover of the earth and its people, unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts.

Many: You are present among us.

One: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet.

Many: You are present among us.

One: As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;

Many: Dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.

*Hymn

One Bread, One Body

J.B. Foley

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this
one Lord. Gen - tile or Jew,
Man - y the gifts,
Grain for the fields,
ser - vant or free, wom - an or man, no more. One
man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.
scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Scripture:

Psalms 34:1-8

Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text: John 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon “We All Need an Abigail and Nathan!”

*Hymn Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? NCH #539

(The pastor will pass a microphone to those who raise a hand to speak.)
 Speaker response: “This is my prayer.” Congregation response: **“This is our prayer.”**

Amen

South African Traditional transcribed J. L. Bell

Johann Sebastian Bach

Doxology

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Traditional Irish Melody

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all

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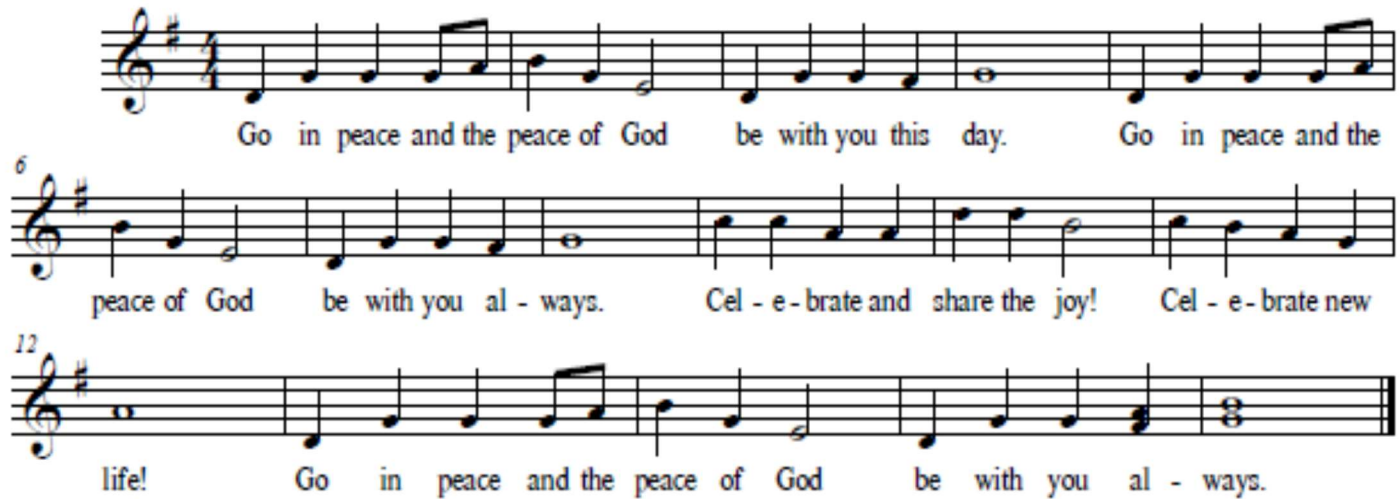
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Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn	Lord I Want To Be a Christian	NCH #454
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Benediction

Benediction response



Postlude

Gavotte K.10

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Announcements

Special Announcement: *Pastor Tom Meyer* has been a wonderful bridge pastor for us since Pastor Scott's retirement in January. He has planned and led our worship, participated fully in our board and ministry team meetings, visited us during illness, and been a pastor and friend to all. As a token of our appreciation, we are planning a pot luck luncheon following worship on his last Sunday with us, which will be September 1st. A signup sheet for the luncheon will be in the narthex starting August 4th. We are looking forward to showing him how we got our nickname "Foodridge" and hope you will be there.

Exciting Announcement: *Pastor Aidan Kelley's* first official day as our pastor will be Tuesday, September 3rd, the day after Labor Day. He will lead us in worship as our settled pastor for the first time on Sunday, September 8th. We hope you will be able to be with us as we warmly welcome him.

Membership and Fellowship would like you to know there are still some open Sundays for Beverage on the Terrace. August 18 and 25 are both available. You can either add your name to the schedule in the Narthex or contact me and I will add it for you. (Courtney Lombardi 401-465-0146)

If you have already purchased wine or a gift card for the Mystery Bags, please bring them in - we will store them, so you don't have to! I know I routinely have the problem of 'Why is this here?' and its corollary of 'Now where did I put that?!' Let us help you with that!

There will be a Holiday Market meeting on September 8th after Church. All are welcome to attend, we are always looking for new ideas and new helpers! We will be discussing sign up sheets, baked goods list and outdoor signage. We may also need to revisit ticket prices and how to manage a 50/50 raffle where people who buy tickets may leave before the winner is drawn. We want to keep that simple!

Looking for golfers...We would like to know who would be interested in participating in a golf tournament by bringing back the Fred Malcolm fund raiser golf event. This usually takes place late September or early October. We are looking to have 4-5 teams of 4 players. It will be held at the Midville course in West Warwick which is a nine hole course. Tee off is approximately noon with dinner to follow. Please contact Barbara Stifano in the church office by phone or email. 401-942-0662 or woodridgechurch@verizon.net. Let's dust off those clubs!!!

The Grief Support Group will be taking the first four weeks in August off and will resume meeting on Aug 29. Thursday afternoons, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Conference Room.

This gathering is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Thank you for your continuing donations of non-perishable food items to the Interfaith Food Pantry – in the narthex basket or the box outside the Jackson Road office entrance

Prayer Requests

from the Woodridge community

Helen Nisbet – Carol Kinoian's Mom, prayers requested as she is in Hospice.

Lorna - A friend of Barbara Stifano, Prayers for upcoming surgery.

Bob Picard - A friend of Rev. Tom, Continued prayers for healing.

Ray Perrotta - Continued recovery.

Charlene & Dave Barrette - Prayers for daily struggles and his Cancer treatment.

Janelle Slepski – Surgery went well, she is home, continued prayers for healing.

Marie Bouchard – Prayers for healing due to a fall.

Mike and Marie – Prayers requested by Darlene Hoague, Mike had a stroke and is having trouble with sight and balance.

Lou Giarrusso – Prayers for continued health as he went home on 08/08/24

Pastor Tom – Prayers for he and his family to have a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Barbara Stifano and family – Prayers for a safe and enjoyable vacation

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Eric Van Dervort

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,
Lori-Jo Wahl, Lenny Wahl

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,
Eileen Phaneuf, Carol Kinoian

The flowers this Sunday are given by Joe DePietro
in celebration of his Woodridge family.

Beverage on the Terrace today is provided by
Martha and Bob Ryan

Our Staff:

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In the event of an Emergency

Pastor Bill Skerrett from Edgewood (401-787-8828)
will be on call while Pastor Tom is away on vacation.