

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

September 22, 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

What's happening at Woodridge?

Call to Worship

One: We are summoned here as children of God, who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the one family of Jesus Christ.

All: From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, softspoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith, expressed through different gifts.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer (unison)

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

NCH #327

Scripture:

Psalm 1(NRSV)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Announcements

COVID Advisory Although many symptoms are mild, COVID cases are rising. If you have symptoms or don't feel well, please stay home and join in Sunday worship via our live-stream. If you attend in person and would feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. We try to have masks available for anyone who would like one. And we continue to encourage all who are eligible, and in consultation with their healthcare provider, to get appropriate vaccines. Please stay safe!

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6 with our brothers and sisters of the First Korean Church of Rhode Island in worship together at 10 AM, followed by our wonderful multi-cultural potluck lunch. The potluck signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex (aka lobby). Enjoy fellowship and homemade Korean and American food at its best!!

Start gathering together your donations for the *Holiday Market's TIMELESS TREASURES room!* We are seeking new, like-new or very gently used:

- Jewelry
- Pocketbooks, Shoes
- Warm winter accessories - scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters
- Tablecloths and linens (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size)
- Boxed small appliances, Kitchen utensils
- Christmas decorations and items

Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, Oct. 13. The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 3. Thank you very much! Your wonderful donations are key to our success!! Any questions, please see Martha Ryan, marthajryan@verizon.net.

The Date is set for the Woodridge-Fred Malcolm Golf Outing Fund Raiser. It will be October 6, 2024, 12:30PM start time. Midville Golf Club, West Warwick RI. **ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME** The fee for this event is \$75.00 per person payable in advance to Woodridge UCC. **Please indicate "Golf Outing" on the memo line.** Please send checks to the Church office: 30 Jackson Road Cranston, RI 02920 % Barbara Stifano by 09/29/24. Funds from this event go to Woodridge Church and the Leukemia Research Foundation. Call or email the office with questions, 401-942-0662 or woodridgechurch@verizon.net.

The Grief Support Group Meets Thursday afternoons, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Conference Room of the church. Access is via the Jackson Road entrance. 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.

We are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team! If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan (bobbyryan@verizon.net or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (firebombjr@gmail.com or see him at church). Thank you very much!

Altar Flowers The cost for flower arrangements from Garden Hills Florist are: regular arrangements are now **\$40** and a large arrangement is **\$50**.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

traditional Welsh melody

Go my child-ren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a-lone, wak-ing sleep-ing,
6 I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er
11 I have made you mine for-ev-er, go, my child-ren, with my bless-ing you are my own.

Like a Child

words and music D. Damon

Like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
child born to pray and to show us the way, like a
3 child and a friend, Je - sus comes. Like a child we may find claim - ing
child on the street, Je - sus comes. Like a child we once knew com - ing
child here to stay, Je - sus comes. Like a child we re - ceive all that
6 heart soul and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je - sus comes. Like a
back in - to view, like a child born a - new, Je - sus comes. Like a
love can con-ceive, like a child we be - lieve, Je - sus comes.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Jonathan McDowell

Ushers: Debbie Scipione, Eileen Phaneuf,
Lou Beneduce, Richard Jordan

Stewards: Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani,
Richard Therrien, Deborah Therrien

The flowers this Sunday are given by Gail MacDonald
in celebration of her granddaughter Abigail's 19th birthday.

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

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