

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

November 17, 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*



Prelude

Forever with Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan - organ
arr. L. Sue
Woodridge Chimes

Gathering

Holy is the Lord

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: We approach the God of grace and glory,

All: who has called us to worship this day.

One: We arrive from the chaos of our world

All: into the clarity of God's presence.

One: We leave the struggles of our lives

All: to embrace the power of God's love.

One: May this hour bring us courage

All: and a time to strengthen our faith.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great and mighty God, open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the wisdom of your Word. Help us run the race of life with faithful perseverance and with steadfast love. Amen.

*Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

NCH #25

Welcoming New Members & Reception of New members

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

One: Let us read together the Woodridge Congregational Church covenant as found in our Constitution:

All: **We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God and to walk together in the ways of the Lord made known to us. We believe it is our mission to proclaim our Christian faith by word and action throughout the world; to promote justice and equality for all; to work and to pray for peace; and to strive to eliminate war, poverty, and ignorance, helping our fellow human beings aspire to and achieve a way of life suitable to children of God.**

One: Let us, the members of Woodridge Congregational Church, express our welcome, and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.**

Passing of the Peace

Hymn of Fellowship Blessed be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1 & 2) NCH #393
(Children may leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10(NRSV)

Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ²“There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world. ⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful

ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Special Music Under His Wings arr. Don Wyrzten
Bob Ryan - flugelhorn

Scripture 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore, Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?” ⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” ¹²As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” ¹⁸And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

SermonRev. Aidan Myers Kelley

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations – Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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.

AnthemGod Has Done Marvelous ThingsArr. R. MatthewsWoodridge Choir

*DoxologyGive Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong” let the poor say “I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us” Give thanks! Give thanks!

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

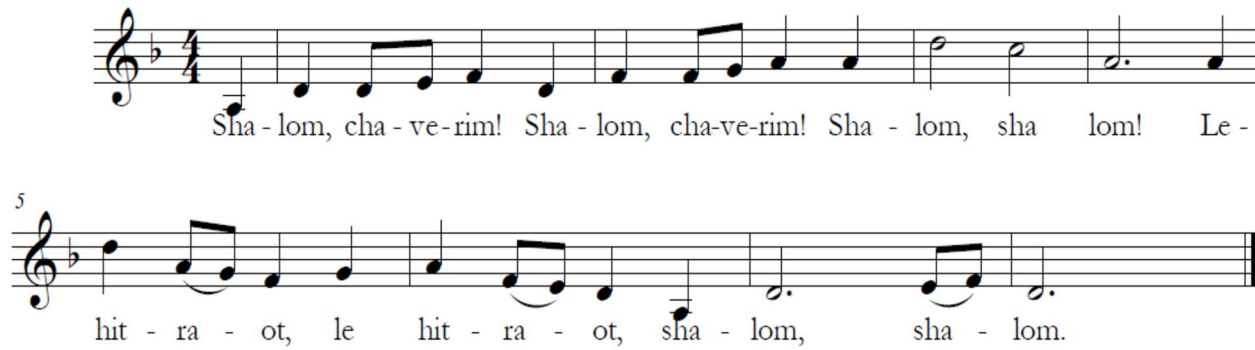
Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.

*HymnAll My Hope on God is FoundedNCH #408

Benediction

*Benediction Response

Farewell, Good Friends!
Israeli melody



PostludeSonatina in C Major Op. 20, No. 1Friedrich KuhlauSandy Nolan – organ

Announcements

Well done Woodridge Church – The Grand Total for the Holiday Market Drum Roll Please.....**\$8165.04** Thank you everyone. There will be a wrap up meeting Dec. 1 after Coffee Hour.

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. **This year in leu of Thanksgiving Baskets we are planning to do a bigger food distribution at the Food Pantry in December.** Please consider bringing in items that folks could use as part of their Christmas celebration such as boxed potatoes, canned veggies, canned yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing, boxed breads, cake and brownie mixes.

November Faith and Film - Monday, November 18 @ 6:30 PM: “Babette’s Feast” Join your friends from Woodridge as we explore aspects of our faith through the storytelling of film. We'll join together on Zoom on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 PM to discuss the 1987 movie “Babette’s Feast”.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service — Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 PM @ Temple Sinai
Our congregation will join with other communities of faith in Cranston for an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration hosted by Temple Sinai at 6 PM on Sunday, November 24th. Come and enjoy a time of gratitude and fellowship and experience a diverse service of worship.

For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
E² Cm7 A^b B² E²

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
B² E² Cm7 Fm B²

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
E² B²7 E² Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
F B² A^b B² E²

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
Cm7 A^b B² E² Fm B² E²

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Sharon Albert

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
Gale MacDonald as a birthday remembrance for her father.

For the month of November, Coffee and a
Cornucopia of deliciousness is served in Fellowship Hall after worship
prepared by Pastoral & Staff

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