

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



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Worship at 10:00 AM

April 14, 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.

Gathering Music

Adieu to the Piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

Sandy Nolan, organist

What's happening at Woodridge? *(see the bulletin inserts)*

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Everlasting God, in Jesus Christ you embodied the words of the prophets. In Jesus Christ you renew our hope for the future. For He is risen and He is Lord. Make us witnesses to this good news and keep us strong until he comes again in Glory. This we pray in Jesus name saying....

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:

Leader: Christ, God's gift to the world, shall come:

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For those who feel despair will know hope.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For those who are oppressed will know freedom

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader For those who are suffering will know inner peace.

People: O Christ, Lord of the world, your time is now.

ALL: Fill our hearts with joy!

*Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

NCH 304

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 4 (NRSV)

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
Selah

³But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text:

Luke 24: 36b-48 (NRSV)

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon:

"Instant Replay"

Rev. Tom Meyer

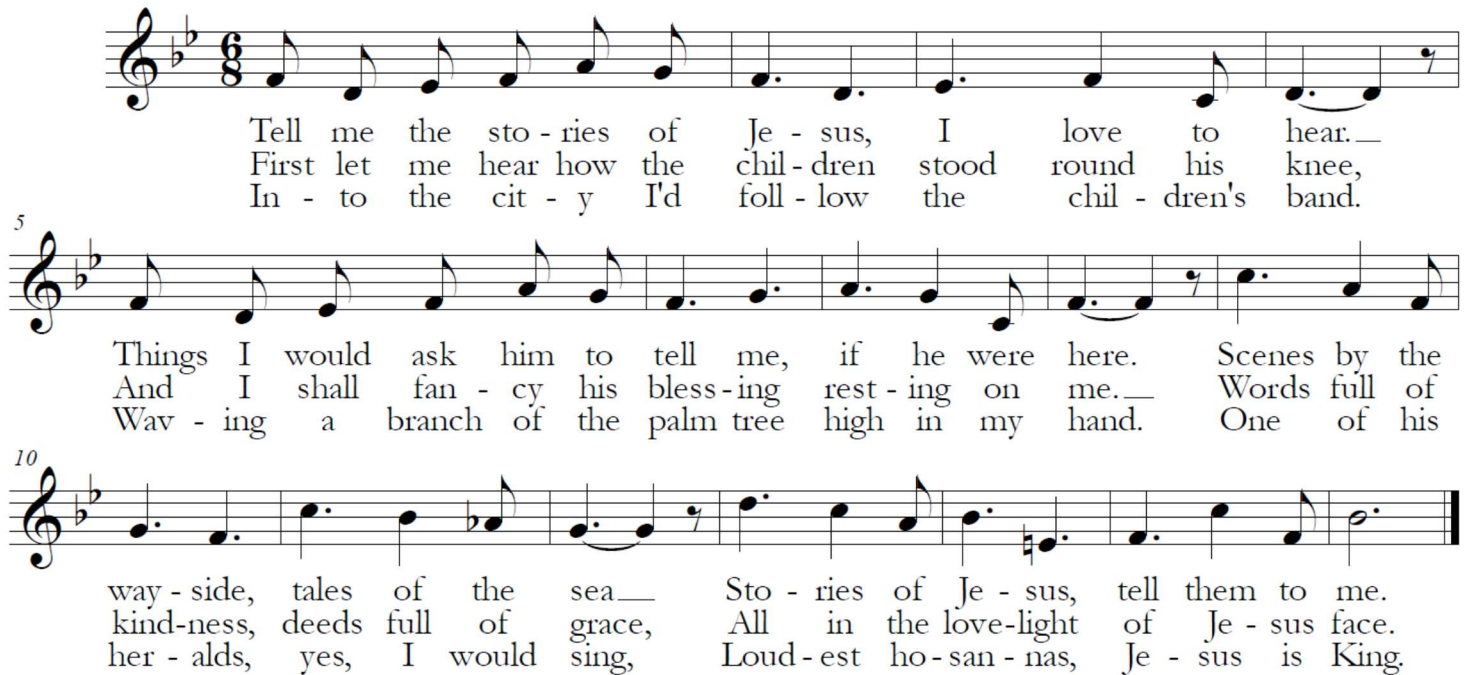
*Hymn:

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

F. A. Challinor



Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus, I love to hear. —
First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,
In - to the cit - y I'd foll - low the chil - dren's band.

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Things I would ask him to tell me, if he were here. Scenes by the
And I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me. — Words full of
Wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand. One of his

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way - side, tales of the sea — Sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.
kind-ness, deeds full of grace, All in the love-light of Je - sus face.
her - alds, yes, I would sing, Loud - est ho - san - nas, Je - sus is King.

Prayer concerns and celebrations

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem
(Grant Us Peace)

W.A. Mozart

Doxology

Give Thanks

H. Smith

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!

*Hymn

Great is Your Faithfulness

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Benediction

Benediction response

Lead Us from Death to Life
Refrain

NCH #581

Postlude

Minuet 2

J. S. Bach
Sandy Nolan, organist

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Announcements

Save the date: Our (almost) **May Breakfast** will be on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 am. We hope you can join us.

Please take a few minutes to stop in the Narthex to check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. There are opportunities for bakers, bussers, cleaner uppers, coffee and juice pourers, cooks, decorators, dish washers, donors, prep cookers, greeters, kitchen helpers, pastry servers, servers, setter uppers, ticket takers and waffle makers. Anything you can do to help make this a successful event would be greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAY MARKET MEETING

Just a quick reminder that this Sunday after church is our next scheduled meeting for our Holiday Market. If you have ideas for our market or an interest in getting involved, we would be thrilled to have you join us.

A **Grief Support Group** meets 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 many people, a grief support group makes the process a little easier by building connections with others who are also grieving. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

A **Quilt Guild** has begun meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6-9 pm. Find all the details and help yourself to a note posted on sanctuary lobby and Fellowship Hall bulletin boards.

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.

Worship Ministers for Sunday's Service

Liturgist: Rachael Pine

Ushers: Grant Southard, Marsha Southard, Robert Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Marsha Southard, Grant Southard, Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

The flowers Sunday morning are given by the Pine family as a birthday remembrance for Jim Pine.

Keep in touch and stay informed . . .

We send a Thursday email with general information. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to our mailing list. Recorded Sunday services may also be found on our YouTube channel and through our website.

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