

Gathering Music

Here in This Place

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What's happening at Woodridge? *(see announcements insert)*

Opening Prayer and The 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.

Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community ... *Show who you really are*

Call to Worship *(responsive)*:

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

People: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Pilgrim Hymnal #38

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (NRSV)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O Jesus, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to see you beside us. We walk on, so focused upon our questions that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten our journeys.

Silent Confession with Chime Before and After

Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.

As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence.

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Stay with us, Jesus Christ.

Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.

We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 *insert*

Sermon Hope for the Future Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose

Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* NCH #233

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem *Grace Alone* S. W. Brown / J. Nelson
Woodridge Choir

Offering

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator Christ and holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *Carry the Light* *insert*

Benediction

Benediction response *Lead Us from Death to Life* NCH #581
Refrain

Postlude

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



Worship at 10:00 AM

April 23, 2023

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

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.

Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community - for April:

SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE

Show Who You Really Are. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.