

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00AM

August 25, 2024

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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.

**All who are able, please stand*

Gathering

Fughetta

by Alexandre Boley

What's Happening at Woodridge?

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always ready to hear us when we pray. You constantly give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy. Forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid. Give us those good things, which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and meditation of Christ Jesus, your Son whom you sent to take our nature upon himself and to be for us a sign and Savior. We pray this saying together...

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: (responsive)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Announcements

Offertory Abide With Me W. H. Monk

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn You Servants of God, NCH #305
 Your Sovereign Proclaim

Benediction

Benediction response

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the
6 peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new
12 life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

Postlude To A Wild Rose
 by Edward MacDowell
 arranged by Benton Price

Pastor Tom's "Foodridge" Pot Luck on Sept. 1, 2024

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. We hope to see you there to show him our heartfelt appreciation for his time with us as Bridge Pastor.

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 on memo line: Golf Outing. 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.

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 signup 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!

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!

Pastor Aidan's first service with us as our new pastor will be 09/08/24.

Hope to see you there to give him a warm welcome.

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.

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

Prayer Requests

You are invited to share prayer concerns or celebrations during that time in this morning's service. The pastor will pass a microphone to those who raise a hand to speak. Please contact the church office with concern updates as necessary.

Ray Perrotta - Continued recovery.

Lou Giarusso - Is doing better and was transferred to Cedar Crest Nursing Home, 125 Scituate Ave. Cranston, RI 02920

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

Janelle Slepki - Prayers for continued recovery.

Lorna (friend of Barbara Stifano) – Prayers as she was diagnosed with Cancer and is waiting for appointment with oncologist.

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.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Eric Van DerVort

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

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

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Adama Sarty

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