

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM  
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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

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

### Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together 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 *(responsive)*:

Leader: Let's go up the mountain. To the place of voices and conversations, to the place of listening.

**People: Let us listen for God's voice.**

Leader: To the place of meeting, to the place of mists, Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky where the earth touches the heavens, to the place of meeting, to the place of mists

**People: Let us listen for God's voice.**

**All: Let's go up the mountain to worship Christ the King.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 50:1-8 (NRSV)

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God. I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*):

One: Mighty God, who judges us for breaking covenant with you and for choosing to worship gods we create.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

One: We confess that our choices cast a veil over your light of wisdom and mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

One: Receive our private confessions which we bring you in silence:

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text: Mark 9: 2-9 (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon

"On a Mountain"

Rev. Tom Meyer

Hymn

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Pilgrim Hymnal #404

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offertory Anthem

*On Eagle's Wings*

M. Joncas  
Woodridge Choir

Offering

Doxology

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. *(repeat)*

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

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

New Century Hymnal #293

Benediction

Benediction response

*Spirit of the Living God*

New Century Hymnal #283

Postlude

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## Announcements

In recognition of Super Bowl LVIII and the continuing concern with food insecurity, Pastor Tom is challenging Woodridge to add 58 cans of soup or another canned good to our collection this Sunday for the Food Pantry.

An **Ash Wednesday service** will be held in the sanctuary at **7:30** pm Feb. 14, with the First Korean Church of R. I.

***Please note:***

**Pastor Tom Meyer will be away February 18 - 25** (back in the office Tues., Feb. 27). In the event of a pastoral emergency Tom *may* be reachable by email but you may also contact Rev. Bill Sterrett at 401 787 8828 (cell) **or** [WilliamSterrett@cox.net](mailto:WilliamSterrett@cox.net)

**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@gmail.com

### ***Wintertime worship advisory***

If church services have to be changed to "live stream" or "zoom" due to snow and bad weather ... an email will go out to explain our plans no later than 8 am Sunday morning.

As always, we urge people to use caution and please do not attend worship if you feel it is not safe to do so.

### ***COVID advisory***

Although many symptoms are mild, COVID cases are at high levels. 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. Please stay safe!

### Worship Ministers for Sunday's Service

Liturgist: Jay Bombardier, Jr.

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

Stewards: Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani, Deb Therrien, Rick Therrien

The flowers on Sunday are given by Jay Bombardier  
as a remembrance of the 3 year passing of Amanda.

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.

***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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