

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

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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

On Eagle's Wings with Be Thou My Vision

arranged by Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan, organist

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

Pastorale

J. Krug
Woodridge Chimes

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.

Call to Worship *(responsive)*:

One: Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

All: You are present among us

One: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet.

All: You are present among us

One: As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;

All: Dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*):

One: For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love ... God, by your grace,

Many: Forgive us

One: For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, God, by your grace,

Many: Forgive us

One: For all we should be and all we can amend, God, in your love,

Many: Renew us

One: For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us, God, in your love,

Many: Prepare us

One: For the life of the world and the love of its people, God, in your love,

Many: Commit us

One: God have mercy on us

Many: Christ have mercy on us

One: God have mercy on us

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

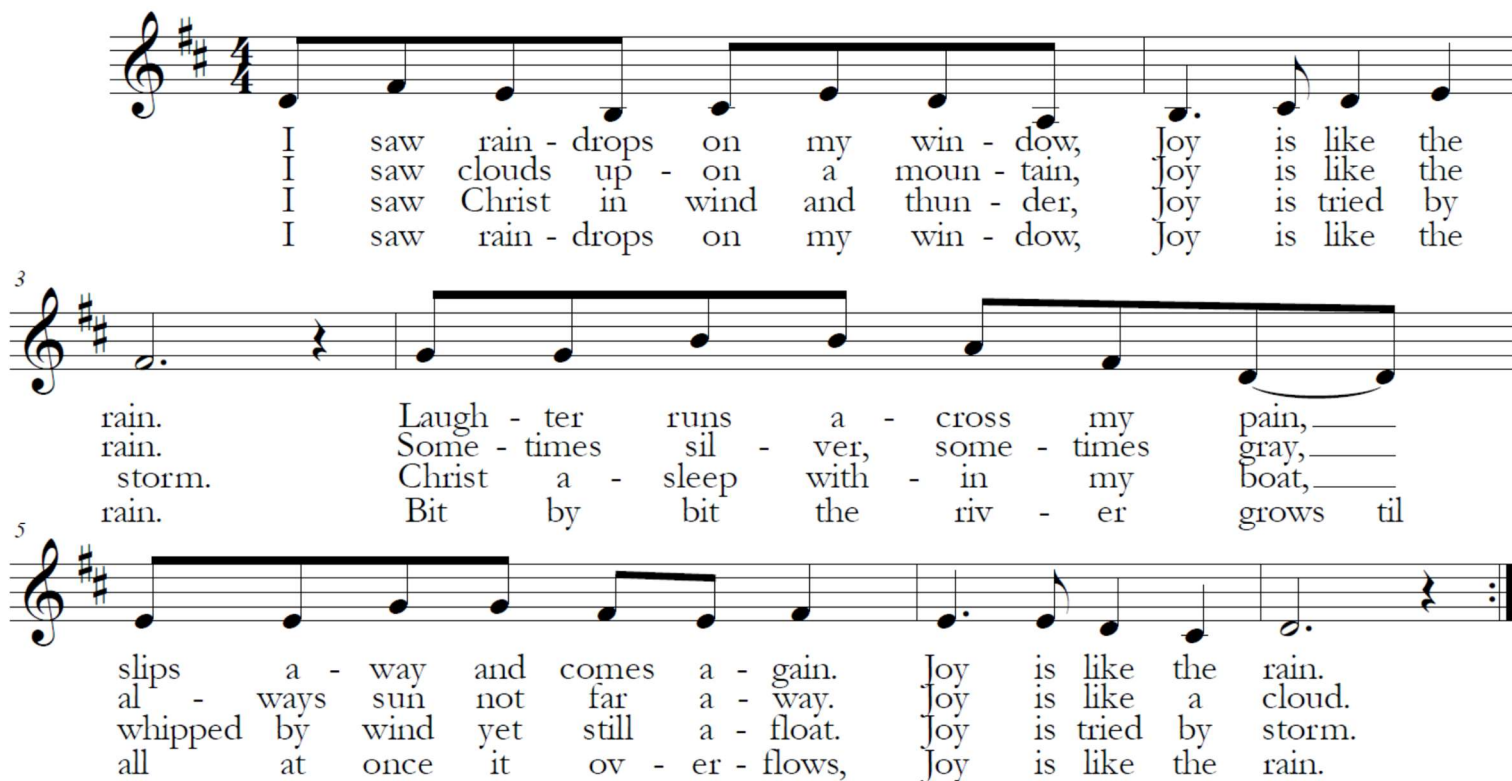
Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Hymn

Joy Is Like the Rain, verses 1 & 2

Miriam Therese Winter



I saw rain - drops on my win - dow, Joy is like the
I saw clouds up - on a moun - tain, Joy is like the
I saw Christ in wind and thun - der, Joy is tried by
I saw rain - drops on my win - dow, Joy is like the

rain.
rain.
storm.
rain.

Laugh - ter runs a - cross my pain,
Some - times sil - ver, some - times gray,
Christ a - sleep with - in my boat,
Bit by bit the riv - er grows til

slips a - way and comes a - gain. Joy is like the rain.
al - ways sun not far a - way. Joy is like a cloud.
whipped by wind yet still a - float. Joy is tried by storm.
all at once it ov - er - flows, Joy is like the rain.

Sermon

Bouvet and the Rainbow

Mike Corey

Hymn

Joy Is Like the Rain, verses 3 & 4

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offertory Anthem


My Life Is in You

Woodridge Choir

Offering


A Lenten Doxology

Tallis Canon



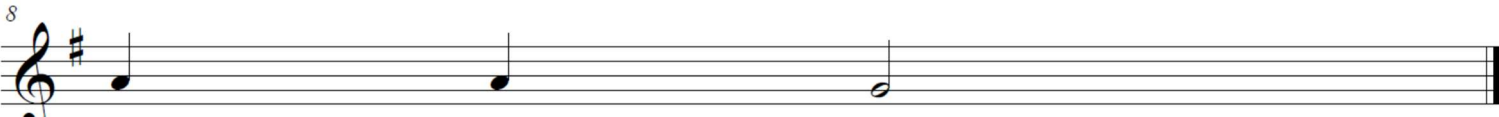
Praise God through-out these for - ty days, Praise Christ our Lord whom

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God did raise, and praise the spir - it who im - parts God's love in Christ in -

8



to our hearts.

Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

J. Rush

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S / A

In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,
As we stand a world di - vi - ded by our own self - seek - ing schemes,

T / B

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Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vis - ion wid - er dreams.

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10 refrain

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil-lar lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your peo-ple

ours the jour - ney, now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er more.

Benediction

Benediction response

Spirit of the Living God

New Century Hymnal #283

Postlude

Allegro K.12

W. A. Mozart

Sandy Nolan, organist

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Announcements

We welcome Woodridge member Mike Corey as our “guest” preacher this morning.

Thank you for rising to Pastor Tom’s challenge and donating many extra cans of soup and other food items on Super Bowl Sunday for the Interfaith Food Ministry’s pantry. All of your special and continuing donations are appreciated!

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

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.

Worship Ministers for Sunday's Service

Liturgist: Carmen Steinbrecher

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

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

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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