

Prelude *Sonatina in C Major* Friedrich Kuhlau  
Op. 20, No. 1 1<sup>st</sup> Movement Sandy Nolan, organist

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 ... *Forgive.... Again*

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children of God.

**All: We are loved by God.**

One: God promises to never abandon us in our struggle.

**All: We are loved by God.**

One: Our life will not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

**All: We are loved by God.**

One: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

**All: We are loved by God.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

**All: We are loved by God.**

Hymn *Take Me to the Water* *insert*  
African American Spiritual

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*):

One: God of mercy, we seek your forgiveness for those times we have ignored those in need.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

One: We seek forgiveness for those times we have been selfish and uncaring.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

One: We seek forgiveness when we have not remembered our baptism and that you call us your beloved child of God.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Reception of New Members

Congregational response (*unison*):

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.**

**We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 21, 22 (NRSV)

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon "Remembering Our Baptism" Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* New Century #325

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Anthem *10,000 Reasons* J. Myrin/M. Redman  
Woodridge Choir

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pilgrim Hymnal #66

Benediction

Benediction response *Go in Peace* K. E. White  
*insert*

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*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 22, 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 January:**

**Forgive. . . . Again**

Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness graciously and generously. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.