

Gathering Music

Remembrance

J. Krug

Woodridge Chimes

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: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.

All: I will be glad and rejoice.

One: I will remember all of God's wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and rejoice.

One: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: I will be glad and rejoice.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

insert

Scripture Reading: Psalm 15 (NRSV)

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*:

One: Lord, sometimes it's so difficult to place our trust in you.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: You make incredible promises to us in your word. You say that through your power, we'll be able to do even greater things.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: And yet we can still doubt you.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: Almighty God, creator of all things, renew our faith in you and your power as we silently confess today.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1 - 12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon "Trust that the Lord will provide" Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Pilgrim Hymnal #272

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Choir Anthem *Blest Are They* D. Haas
Woodridge Choir

Offering

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!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *Blessed Assurance* New Century Hymnal #473

Benediction

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

Postlude

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 29, 2023

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OF CHRIST
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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.

**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.