

Gathering Music

*Come to the Water*

John Foley

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.

\* Call to Worship *(Responsive)*:

One: Let us kneel in the darkness until we see God's light emerge.

**All: Let God's light shine this year.**

One: Let us wait with hope filled hearts as Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.

**All: Let God's light shine.**

One: Let God speak to us and teach us love until we open our hearts to all we meet.

**All: Let God's light shine.**

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*:

One: Too often, O God, we can be half-hearted in our service to others.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

One: Too often, O God, we live dependent just on our own resources rather than on you.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

One: Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds to your presence.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

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!

Time with Children and Youth – and the Young is Spirit!

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

"Baptism - The Song in Our Hearts"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Genevan Psalter 1551

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering dedication

Anthem *Carol of the Bells* M. Leontovich  
arr. P. J. Wilhousky  
Woodridge Choir and Chimes

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* Pilgrim #391  
verses 1, 2 & 3

Benediction

Hymn *Take Me to the Water* insert

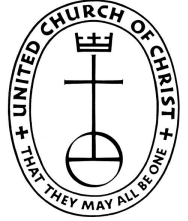
Postlude *I've Got Peace Like a River*  
African American Spiritual

Rev. Scott Spencer, *Pastor*

Eric Van Dervort, *Music Minister*

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

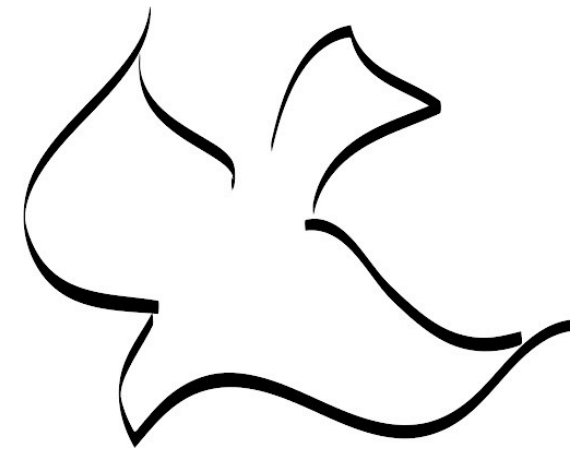


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