

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00AM

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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.

**All who are able, please stand*

Gathering Music

What's Happening at Woodridge?

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Give us, O God, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us and upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray 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

One: The earth shakes and the water quivers.

All: Let us worship God.

One: The wind whistles and the sun listens

All: Let us worship God.

One: The beauty of creation mingles with the power of creation.

All: Let us worship God.

One: Awed in wonder and trembling with fear, we seek a safe place

All: Let us worship God.

One: A place to voice our awe in song

All: And welcome God's love that conquers fear.

*Hymn The Church's One Foundation Pilgrim #260

Scripture: Psalm 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Childrens Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 6: 1-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ⁶When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. ⁷The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. ⁸David was angry because the Lord had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. ⁹David was afraid of the Lord that day; he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come into my care?" ¹⁰So David was unwilling to take the ark of the Lord into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household. ¹²It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the Lord

with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Sermon: "David Danced" Rev Tom Meyer

*Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised NCH #493

Prayer concerns and celebrations

Offertory Canon in G J Brickman
Eric Van Dervort

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory Pilgrim #366

Benediction

Benediction response God Be with You (verse1) NCH #81

Postlude

Announcements

Membership and Fellowship are seeking:

Volunteers to provide Beverage on the Terrace, which starts June 23 and goes through early September. Please use the signup sheets on the Narthex bulletin board.

Looking for golfers... We would like to know who would be interested in participating in a golf tournament by bringing back the Fred Malcolm fund raiser golf event. This usually takes place late September or early October. We are looking to have 4-5 teams of 4 players. It will be held at the Midville course in West Warwick which is a nine hole course. Tee off is approximately noon with dinner to follow. Please contact Barbara Stifano in the church office by phone or email. 401-942-0662.

We are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team! If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan (bobby.ryan@verizon.net or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (firebombjr@gmail.com or see him at church). Thank you very much!

Membership and Fellowship has posted the schedule of events for **Theatre By the Sea** and **The Terris Theatre** in Fellowship Hall, along with interest sheets. If you are interested in attending an event please sign up on the appropriate sheet. Please list your name and phone number. As you see others sign up for something you are interested in, reach out to them and make your plans!

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.

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 more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Prayer Requests

You are invited to share prayer concerns or celebrations during that time in this morning's service. The pastor will pass a microphone to those who raise a hand to speak.

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

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Eric Van DerVort

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,
Lori-Jo Wahl, Lenny Wahl

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,
Eileen Phaneuf, Carol Kinoian

The flowers this morning are given by
Nicholas, Matthew, Dillon and Jay Bombardier
in Memory of Amanda's Birthday
which would have been
on the 19th of July

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