

Gathering Music      If You but Suffer God to Guide You      Bohm  
Karin Kohl, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

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:

One: When we pass through the waters,

**All: God is there with us.**

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

**All: God is there with us.**

One: When we are joyful and celebratory,

**All: God is there with us.**

One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

**All: God is there with us, always.**

One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

Scripture Reading (in unison):      Psalm 23

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Special Music      Musette      Handel  
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Prayer of Confession:

**We confess that we need your forgiveness, O God, as we confess our sins: You are the shepherd and we are your flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take your place and take control ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with you to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and sometimes ignored the needs of others. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:      1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Sermon      "Portraits of Faith"      Rev. Scott Spencer  
<sup>2nd</sup> in a series of 3 sermons: Bishop Desmond Tutu

Special Music      Deck My Soul with Gladness      Walther  
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Sharing Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Closing & Transition Music

Trumpet Tune

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*Those who wish to are invited to gather outside on the terrace—appropriately distanced—to sing the following selections, which may be found on the bulletin insert and below:*

*Come by Here, Lord (insert)*

*Goodness is Stronger than Evil (insert)*

### Go in Peace

K. E. White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e-brate and share the joy! Cel - e-brate new life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

Woodridge Congregational Church - United Church of Christ

Rev. Scott Spencer, *Pastor*

Eric Van Dervort, *Music Minister*

# Welcome to

## Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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

July 18, 2021 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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We continue to welcome non-perishable food contributions for the Interfaith Food Ministry. Donations may be dropped off at any time in the large box next to the Jackson Road Parish House entrance. Volunteers help every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning. *Thank you!*

A videotape of this service will be posted on our website – view it yourself or recommend to a friend or neighbor.

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.