

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*

Prelude

Change My Heart Oh God

arranged by Carol Tomquist
Bob Ryan, flugelhorn

What's Happening at Woodridge?

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

We bow down in grateful adoration before you, Lord Jesus; You who bowed so low that you might lift us up to be with you forever. As we ponder your salvation and the many blessings from you, O God, we want to express our gratitude, joy and praise to you. In your boundless love for us, you have carried us, your children, from grace to glory. You have promised to perfect us in faith and to make our joy complete. May we always be faithful to express our gratitude and praise to you, our Redeemer and Lord we pray in Jesus name 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

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their heart.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

People: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Leader: Come let us worship the LORD!

*Hymn Sing Praise Pilgrim #20

Scripture: Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon: "Imitating Christ" Rev Tom Meyer

*Hymn Take My Life Pilgrim #404

Prayer concerns and celebrations

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@vnacarenenewengland.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.

[Alice Thankachan](#) – Per Carolyn Palumbo: A week ago Sunday Alice had a stroke which paralyzed her left side. She has problems speaking also. She is hospitalized and receiving physiotherapy, learning to walk again. Please hold her in prayer. [Ray Perrotta](#) - Continued recovery. [Lou Giarusso](#) - Is doing better and was transferred to Cedar Crest Nursing Home, 125 Scituate Ave. Cranston, RI 02920 on 07/10/24 [Charlene & Dave Barrette](#) - Prayers for daily struggles and his Cancer treatment. [Janelle Slepski](#) - Prayers for health concerns and upcoming surgeries. [Valerie Jones Hooker](#) - Prayers for her family, she is an aunt of Ron Bagby-Grose. She passed away July 9 in Houston.

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 channel and through our website.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deb Moretti

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Sharon Albert, Les Steinbrecher, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher, Rebecca Rotondo

The flowers this morning are given by Nancy and Bob Quintiliani for birthday remembrances of their parents, Marion and Joseph Quintiliani and Nancy and Paul Rey.

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