

Children's Prayer

*Thank You God for creating me
Guide me to be a good person
at home, in school, and in my community.
Lord, I love you and believe in you.
Thank you for all you have given me.
Amen*

Upcoming Services:

June 16, 2024 **Pride** Sunday

There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here
and in every welcoming church for all people
We are Open and Affirming, join us in this celebration

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Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



Worship at 10:00 AM

June 9, 2024

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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.

** All who are able, please stand*

Gathering music O Spirit of the Living God words by Henry Hallam Tweedy (1933)
music by William Croft (1708)
Prime Time Chimers

Marianna Celani, Lou Beneduce, Jay Bombardier, Matt Bombardier, Dillon Bombardier,
Maureen Brown, Dianne Cavanaugh, Dakota Handrich, Tricia Pardini, Nancy Quintiliani,
Martha Ryan, Tyler Schadone

What’s happening at Woodridge? *(see the bulletin inserts)*

Opening Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Dear God, we gather in worship this morning to celebrate our children and youth ministry and the hard works and gifts of our teachers, helpers and all the students. We thank you for what we have learned this year and we hope to apply what we have learned in our everyday lives. Amen.

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: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We gather in worship with hearts full of gratitude for God’s blessings and for the blessing of each person here today.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We celebrate our year of learning about God and Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We Join hands with all ages to praise and thank God.

All: Let us worship God.

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 sign up sheets on the Narthex bulletin board.

Membership and Fellowship has posted two fun and exciting activities.

Chat with your fellow members and use the posted sheets to sign up.

Theatre By The Sea which offers shows: TOOTSIE, The Sound of Music and 42nd Street as well as concerts: Narragansett Bay Chorus and Billy Gilman. Additionally, Friday

Morning Children’s Festival: Mark Nizer, The AIRBORNE comedians, Keith Munslow’s I Love The Beach, Disney PIXAR Finding NEMO JR. and The Gottabees, SQUIRREL Stole My Underpants.

THE Terris THEATRE where you set sail on the Jewel of the Sea ocean liner and enjoy the musical comedy “Ask for the Moon”

We are looking for one more person for 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!

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

Anthem

Arky Arky
 traditional camp song

Verse 1 - choir Refrain - all gathered
 Verse 2, 3 - choir
 Refrain - all gathered
 Verese 4, 5 - choir
 Refrain - all gathered

Refrain

So rise and shine and give God the glo - ry, glo - ry

rise and shine and give God the glo - ry glo - ry, rise and shine and

give God the glo - ry glo - ry, child-ren of the Lord.

Doxology

Give Thanks

based upon LUke 1:45-53
 H. Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly one give

thanks— be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich be-cause of

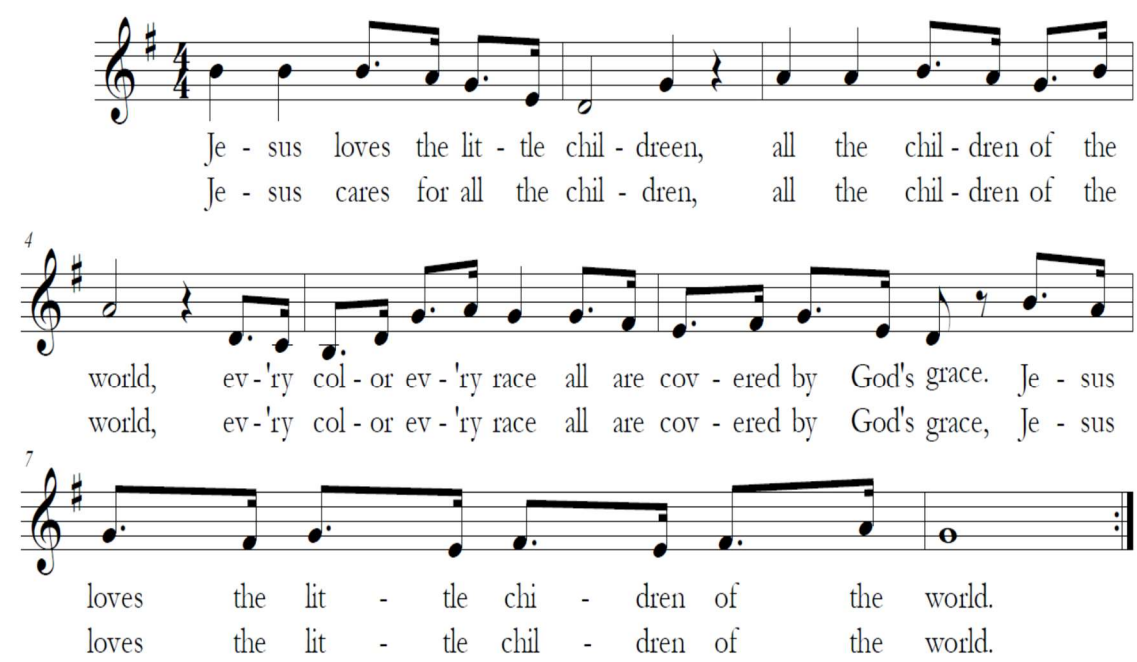
what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks!— Give thanks!

Prayer of Dedication

Jesus Loves the Little Children

George Root

verses 1, 2
repeat verse 1



Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, all the chil - dren of the
Je - sus cares for all the chil - dren, all the chil - dren of the
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Benediction

Benediction Response

Halleluja
sing 3x

NCH #236

Postlude

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

NCH #327

Scripture Reading:

2 Timothy 1: 3-5 (NRSV)

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

Passing of the Peace

Sunday School presentation

Sermon Text

Mark 10:13-16(NRSV)

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon

“Little ones to Him Belong”

*Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

NCH #506

Prayer concerns and celebrations

