

Gathering Music

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Woodridge Chimers: Courtney Lombardi, Bob Quintiliani,
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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: Come, let us sing to our good and loving God.
All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;
All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: It is good to give you thanks, O God.
All: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

One: For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;
All: At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 20

Special Music

Bring Forth the Kingdom

M. Haugen

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:

Mark 4: 26 - 32 (NRSV)

²⁶He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Sermon

“The Parables of the Seeds”

Rev. Scott Spencer

A Sacred Medley *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* J. Scriven, C. Converse
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Sharing Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Benediction Response:

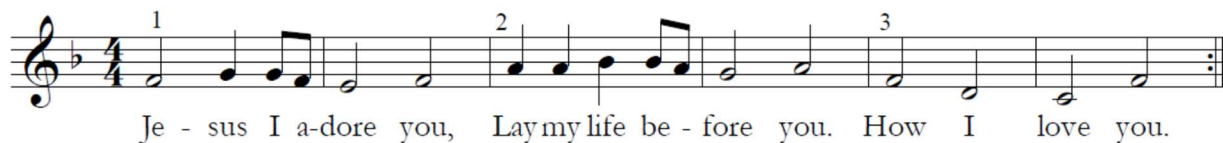
Those who wish to are invited to gather outside on the terrace—appropriately distanced—to sing these selections, which may be found on your bulletin insert and below.

*This Is the Day
God Be with You Till We Meet Again
(insert)*

Jesus, I Adore You
sung in a round

T. Coelho

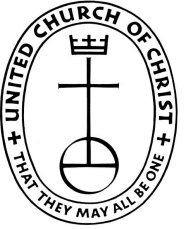
Trio then congregation then in a round



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

June 13, 2021 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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We continue to help meet the expanded needs of 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 2nd Saturday morning. *Thank you!*

Note: Please feel free to continue worshiping with us on our weekly weekend YouTube, posted on our website.

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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.