

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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



Worship at 10:00 AM

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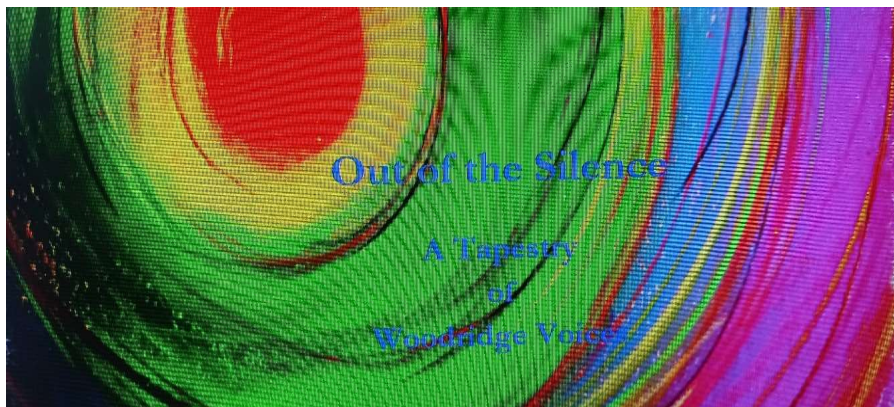
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As a caring and welcoming community, using the Bible as a resource and the teachings of Jesus as our guide, we joyfully welcome everyone into our Christian community, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, age, mental status, family structure, physical 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.

Gathering Music

True Colors

Words & Music by
Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly
Arranged by Jennifer Linn
Sandy Nolan, Organist



What's happening at Woodridge? *(see the bulletin insert)*

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

There comes a time to break the silence. There comes a time to move beyond fear. There comes a time to call into question what has gone before. For all times we have been silent, fearful, unwelcoming, unquestioning, let us now be open to all peoples for we pray this in the name of Jesus 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

We Are Part of the Church Universal By Rev. Ann B. Day, Program Coordinator, Open and Affirming Program of the United Church of Christ

- Voice 1: We are part of the Church universal – faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, and ability, gathered to love and serve God.
- Voice II: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!
- All:** 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 –
- Voice I: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.
- All:** May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.

*Hymn

All Are Welcome Music and Lyrics by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live. A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. wheat. A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice heard And loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the give. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of meet. Here the love of God through Jesus is revealed in time and Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter prayers of faith and songs of grace. Here the love of Christ shall end divisions, All are welcome, space. As we share in Christ the feast that frees us, All are welcome, grace. Let this house proclaim from floor to rafters, All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place. Let us

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 133(NRSV)

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text:

Romans 12:3-17 (NRSV)

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

A Tapestry of Woodridge Voices

Rachael Pine

Jay Bombardier

Barbara Stifano

Rev. Tom Meyer

*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NCH 391

verses 1, 2 and 3

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

(The pastor will pass a microphone to those who raise a hand to speak.)

Speaker response: "This is my prayer." Congregation response: "**This is our prayer.**"

Anthem

We Are a Rainbow

D. Kai
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Give Thanks

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christian's by Our Love

Benediction

Benediction response

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

Choir and Congregation

Mark A. Miller

refrain

introduction

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

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wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No-one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

8

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the

12

cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song; No-one stands a-lone. Stand-ing

16

side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

back to refrain

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Draw the Circle Wide'. It is written for a choir and congregation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The score is divided into five systems. The first system includes an 'introduction' and a 'refrain' line. The second system begins at measure 4. The third system begins at measure 8 and includes a first ending bracket over measures 9-11. The fourth system begins at measure 12. The fifth system begins at measure 16 and ends with a 'back to refrain' instruction. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures.

Postlude

What the World Needs Now is Love

Lyrics by Hal David
Music by Burt Bacharach
Sandy Nolan, Organist

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.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deb Moretti

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,

Lori-Jo Wahl, Lenny Wahl

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,

Eileen Phaneuf, Carol Kinoian

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 channel and through our website.

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