

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



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Worship at 10:00 AM

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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

Welcome and announcements

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

(Unison) Creative God, from whom a new possibility springs, we call your name; for we are the people you have sealed in your name. Make a way for us where there had been no way. Quench the drought of our spirits with living water, that we may sing your praise. Free us to welcome your newness of life; 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:

One: Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ;

All: To rescue us from separation from the mercy and love of God.

One: Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,

All: And show us how to live a life of justice, love and Blessedness. Amen.

*Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

NCH #25

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 9: 9-20 (NRSV)

⁹The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.¹¹Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.¹³Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,¹⁴so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid their own foot has been caught.¹⁶The Lord has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaiion. Selah¹⁷The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.¹⁹Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.²⁰Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human. Selah

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text:

Mark 4: 35-41 (NRSV)

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon:

"Finding Calm in the Storm"

Rev. Tom Meyer

*Hymn:

Take Me to the Water

NCH #322

Prayer concerns and celebrations

Anthem

When Peace, Like a River

NCH #438

*Doxology

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks! ___ Give thanks!

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

NCH #472

Benediction

Benediction response

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

Choir and Congregation

Mark A. Miller

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with an 'introduction' section. The first line of music is labeled 'refrain' and includes the lyrics 'Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle'. The second line starts at measure 4 and includes the lyrics 'wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No-one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by'. The third line starts at measure 8 and includes the lyrics 'side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the'. The fourth line starts at measure 12 and includes the lyrics 'cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song; No-one stands a-lone. Stand-ing'. The fifth line starts at measure 16 and includes the lyrics 'side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.' and is labeled 'back to refrain'.

Postlude

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Martha Ryan

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Sharon Albert,

Les Steinbrecher, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher,

Les Steinbrecher, Rebecca Rotondo

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.

Our Staff:

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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 signup sheets on the Narthex bulletin board.

We are still looking for people to help with 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!

Membership and Fellowship has posted the schedule of events for **Theatre By the Sea** and **The Terris Theatre** in Fellowship Hall, along with interest sheets. If you are interested in attending an event please sign up on the appropriate sheet. Please list your name and phone number. As you see others sign up for something you are interested in, reach out to them and make your plans!

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