

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



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Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00 AM

March 24, 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.

Gathering Music *The Power of the Cross, with Lift High, the Cross*

by Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan, organist

What's happening at Woodridge? (*see the Announcements, below*)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

L. Sue
Woodridge Chimes

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, on this day, your son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread garments and palm branches along His way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. We pray this 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 (*responsive*)

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: Hosanna in the Highest.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the Highest.

*Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Pilgrim Hymnal #155

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:19-29 (NRSV)

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text: Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon

"The Last Days"

Rev. Tom Meyer

*Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

Pilgrim Hymnal #175

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."**

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Antiphonal Hosanna

G. A. Smith
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Doxology for Palm Sunday

J.H. Danner

R.V Williams

With palms we come to praise our King. Ho - san - na is the song we

4 sing. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! All praise the One who rides this

8 day. And brings us hope in ev-'ry way. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

13 san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a measure rest of 4 measures. The third staff begins with a measure rest of 8 measures. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest of 13 measures.

*Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

New Century Hymnal #213

Benediction

Benediction response

Spirit of the Living God

New Century Hymnal #283

Postlude

Festival Postlude

by H. Roberts
Sandy Nolan, organist

Announcements

Holy Week at Woodridge

Maundy Thursday – worship with communion at 7:30 pm with the First Korean Church of R. I.

Good Friday – the sanctuary will be open from 12 noon until 1:00 pm for personal devotional time. Enter through the front doors or the connector passageway from the Parish House; stay for a few moments or the hour, as your schedule may permit. Devotional material will be available and reflective music will be offered.

Easter – join in celebratory worship at 10 am including special music (please note that there will *not* be a sunrise service here this year)

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 many people, a grief support group makes the process a little easier by building connections with others who are also grieving. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

A Quilt Guild has begun meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6-9 pm. Find all the details and help yourself to a note posted on sanctuary lobby and Fellowship Hall bulletin boards.

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.

Worship Ministers for Sunday's Service:

Liturgist: Tricia Pardini

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan, Lenny Wahl, Lori-Jo Wahl

Stewards: Dianne Cavanaugh, Carol Kinois, Gale MacDonald, Eileen Phaneuf

The flowers Sunday morning are given by Rebecca Rotondo
in loving memory of Dr. Herbert Iventash.

Keep in touch and stay informed . . .

We send a weekly (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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