

Prelude

Watchman's Song, Op 12, No. 3

Edvard Grieg  
Sandy Nolan, organist

What’s Happening at Woodridge?

Opening Prayer and 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 *(Responsive)*:

One: God calls us to be God’s people  
**All: God prepares us to minister in God’s name.**  
One: God sends us forth in God’s name.  
**All: God prepares us to minister in God’s name.**  
One: God’s spirit guides us wherever we go.  
**All: God prepares us to minister in God’s name.**  
One: God will bring comfort, healing and hope as we leave this place.  
**All: God prepares us to minister in God’s name.**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21: 1 - 6 (NRSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*:

One: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always ready to pour upon us your love and mercy.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**  
One: O God, be ready to hear our prayers of repentance this day.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**  
One: Forgive us those things that separate us from you and others.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**  
One: And lead us in your ways of mercy.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**

A Time with Children

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: John 13: 31 - 35 (NRSV)

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Sermon

“A New Commandment”

Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music

Solvejg’s Song Op 55, No. 4

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering dedication

Doxology                      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and  
holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lighting of the peace candle and prayer for peace

Anthem                                      *Prayer for Ukraine*                                      Mykola Lysenko  
Woodridge Choir  
*see insert for the congregation*

Hymn                                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                                      Pilgrim Hymnal #228  
J. Zundel

Benediction

Hymn                                      *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*                                      insert  
P. Scholtes

Postlude                                      Sonatina    Op 36, No. 1                                      M. Clementi  
Sandy Nolan, organist

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter    •    May 15, 2022    •    Worship at 10:00 AM

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