

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

Lord, Let Thy Spirit

by John Duro

based on the hymn "Berggren"

by Andreas Peter Berggren

Sandy Nolan, organist

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

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer:

Almighty God, we your children pray: Let your glory come down. Let the fire fall on us gathered here as on that first Day of Pentecost. Revive our spirits, fill us with new excitement, with joy unspeakable and compassion for a dying world. Empower us to speak your word; to utter your words of life; Using a variety of languages to bring the good news to the poor. Lord, let your fire fall once again on this church, on this community, on this country, and on all the families of the earth. 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:

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: Come Spirit of justice and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers - to our neighbors in need.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: Come, Spirit of peace, and challenge us to bring reconciliation to our country and world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: Come, Spirit of the risen Christ, and transform us into new life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit Come.

***Hymn:**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Pilgrim 223

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 104: 1-9 (NRSV)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,
²wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,
⁴you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
⁷At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.
⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text:

Acts 2: 1-13 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Sermon:

“Using the Gift of God”

Rev. Tom Meyer

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Pilgrim 233

Prayer concerns and celebrations

Offering

Anthem

There is No Fear in Love

Elliot Z. Levine

Choir and congregation

based upon 1 John 4:18

Soloists: Darlene Hoague, Courtney Lombardi, Coleen Griffith, Pastor Yong Hwan Noh

based upon 1 John 4:18

There is no Fear in Love

Elliot Z. Levine

Refrain: Choir then All Gathered
 Spanish/Korean
 Refrain: with Choir and All Gathered
 German/Spanish
 Refrain:with Choir and All Gathered
 Refrain: with Choir All Gathered with all languages

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line starts with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melody for the rest of the line. The lyrics are: "There is___ no fear___ in love,___ in love." The second line continues the melody with lyrics: "There is___ no fear___ in love___ in love, But per - fect love". The third line continues with lyrics: "casts out___ fear. But per-fect love_____ cast out fear._____".

*Pentecost Doxology

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth,
 Whose love reveals our sacred worth, Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Whose Spirit forms one family
 Whose grace brings peace and harmony.
 Alleluia! (5 times)

*Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
 Choir sings verse 1 and 4
 All Gathered sing the refrain

NCH 286

Benediction

Benediction response

God Be With You

NCH 81

Postlude

Fughetta

by Alexandre Boely
Sandy Nolan, organist

Announcements

The annual Stamp Farm Plant Sale will be held Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. They are located at 219 Comstock Parkway, and offer a wide selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and hanging baskets. Be sure to mention "Woodridge Church" when you pay so that a portion of the proceeds will go to Woodridge Church.

If you need more information, feel free to ask Deb Therien

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!

Woodridge Church Yard Sale Will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 8 AM – 2 PM. Clean out your closets, basements and attics! Bring in your items for the yard sale and leave them on the stage in Fellowship Hall or in the janitor's room (basement). Large items can be picked up. Volunteers are needed to help during the yard sale. Please call Grant Southard (822-0799) or Rick Therrien (463-6343) with any questions.

From the Search Committee *Our Woodridge Church profile was posted on the national UCC Ministry Opportunities website in late March. We have received the profiles of ten interested pastors, many of whom we are excited about. It is likely that we will receive more. We have interviewed a few candidates and viewed their services online. The process is ongoing and can be lengthy. It is of course confidential, and we are unable to give more detail than this. Please hold us in prayer as we work to discern who God is calling to serve as our next pastor. When we have identified our final candidate, we will let you know. The final candidate will be introduced to the congregation, and will lead us in worship, after which a congregational vote will be held by members in attendance.*

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

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

***** HOLIDAY MARKET ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

Holiday Market will need items for the Penny Social Table, which is being revived for 2024. This is different from the Themed Gift Baskets in that we are seeking a single new item valued between \$10 and \$15. Please consider purchasing a Yankee Candle or lap blanket or a decorative item (possibly seasonal) or something masculine - such as a small tool or grill item or beard product or something for children, teens or pets. I'm sure you will find something perfect!

Holiday Market is also seeking gift cards valued at \$25. The gift card will be paired with a bottle of wine and sealed in a bag to be used for a new Mystery Bag table. Please do not donate a gift card to a hair or nail salon, as most people already have their own favorite place to go.

The Book Room is requesting gently used: books, games and jig saw puzzles - but please make sure no pieces are missing!

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Rosalee Bagby-Grose

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

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

The flowers this Sunday are given by Bob and Martha Ryan as
a birthday remembrance of
Martha's beautiful mom, Sue Schad.

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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