

## Gathering Music

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

## 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.

Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community ... *Worship with your whole heart*

## Call to Worship (*Responsive*):

One: From God comes the wonder of creation.

**All: We will worship God the Creator.**

One: From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.

**All: We will worship God our Redeemer.**

One: From God comes the strength to face the new day.

**All: We worship God our Sustainer.**

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me* New Century Hymnal #327

Scripture Reading: Psalm 68: 31 - 35 (NRSV)

<sup>31</sup>Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out its hands to God.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

<sup>33</sup>O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

## Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*):

One: Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

One: The noise of the world can sometimes deafen us to that Word which can heal us.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

One: You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

One: Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

One: Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

## Children's Message

## Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: John 17: 20 - 23 (NRSV)

<sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Sermon "That all may be one . . ." Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* Pilgrim Hymnal #414

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem Woodridge Choir

Offering

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.  
 Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
 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 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NCH #391

Benediction

Benediction response *God Be with You* verse 1, NCH #81

Postlude

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
 United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 21, 2023

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UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST  
 a just world for all

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.

**Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community - for May:  
 WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART**

Worship With Your Whole Heart. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring God glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.