

Gathering Music *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. P. Cota
Woodridge Chimes

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: 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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 67 (NRSV)

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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.

A Time with Children

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Romans 5: 1 - 5 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Sermon "Can Compassion Lead to Hope?" Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music *Psalm of Gratitude* J. Krug
Woodridge Chimes

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

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!

Offering dedication

Lighting of the peace candle and prayer for peace

Anthem *The Peace of the Earth*

traditional Guatemalan melody
Woodridge Choir
Nancy Quintiliani - flute
Sharon Albert - alto recorder
Bob Ryan - percussion

Hymn *Come, Christians Join to Sing* insert
C. Bateman
based upon a Spanish melody

Benediction

Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #282
New Century Hymnal
African American spiritual

Postlude *Onward* J. Krig
Woodridge Chimes

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 22, 2022 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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