

Gathering Music  
How Great Is Our God with Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  
arranged by Carol Tornquist  
Sandy Nolan, organist

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

Amazing Grace  
J. Krug  
Woodridge Chimes

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

One: Come, Spirit of justice and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers – to our neighbor in need.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* NCH #282

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104: 1 - 5 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

<sup>2</sup>wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
<sup>3</sup>you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,  
<sup>4</sup>you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.  
<sup>5</sup>You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*:

One: We confess to you, renewing Spirit, that we often confuse unity with uniformity and diversity with division.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: We can deny and diminish the beauty you created in each person.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: We long to change these patterns, O God, but we do not always know how.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Help us to see strength in our diversity and empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of God’s love and forgiveness

Children’s Message

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 13 (NRSV)

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

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,

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

Sermon	“The Spirit of the Risen Christ”	Rev. Scott Spencer
Hymn	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i> verses 1, 2 & 4	NCH #286
Prayer Concerns and Celebrations		
Anthem	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	C. McDade Woodridge Choir
Offering		
Doxology	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	NCH #283
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	New Century Hymnal #293
Benediction		
Benediction response	<i>Halleluja</i>	NCH #236
Postlude	Elfin Dance Op. 12, No. 4	by Edvard Grieg Sandy Nolan, organist

Welcome to  
Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation and  
A Caring & Welcoming Community

Pentecost Sunday      Worship at 10:00 AM      May 28, 2023  
woodridgechurchri.org      facebook.com/woodridgecongregational



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.