

Gathering / Processional Music

What's Happening at Woodridge? (liturgist – Jose Oliver)

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: Come and celebrate. Shout joyfully to the Lord, our God. Let us glorify God with our praise.

All: Let us worship God with joy.

One: Everything on earth comes from you, O God. Let our worship be one of gratitude.

All: Let us worship God with joy.

One: See what our loving God has done, what awesome things God has done for us.

All: Let us worship God with joy.

One: Make a joyful noise to all the earth, sing the praises of God.

All: Let us worship God with joy.

First Reading: Psalm 23 (King James Version):

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*):

One: In your grace, O God, you offer us forgiveness and embrace us with your love and mercy.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: In Jesus, we have seen that the way of the cross demonstrates the depth of your love for us.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness and forgive others.

All: Forgive us, we pray.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 41-51 (NRSV)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them

and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Sermon "Awesome Women" Rev. Kathy Henry

Special Music Eric Van Dervort

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!

Anthem *Al Shlosa* A.E. Nappan
From the Hebrew: *In these things the world endures; truth, justice and peace.*
Woodridge Choir

Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* Pilgrim #29

Benediction

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Pilgrim #335

Closing Music Eric Van Dervort

Welcome to Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 8, 2022 • 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.