

Gathering Music

*Prelude*

Purcell

Karin Kohl, organist

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.

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

One: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

One: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

One: We come needing help in different ways.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

One: We come to have the faith to follow you.

**All: O God, do not be far from us.**

Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*):

One: When we close our ears and our hearts to those in need - remind us that following you means responding to those who cry for mercy,

**All: Forgive us, Lord**

One: The way to discipleship is entered when our eyes are graciously opened to see and to follow Christ in faith. When we find excuses to delay responding to your call to discipleship,

**All: Forgive us, Lord**

One: Jesus, Saviour and Lord, enlighten our minds with your wisdom, and imprint the image of your love once more on our hearts so that we can focus anew on your presence and your power whenever and wherever you call us to serve people in your name.

**All: Forgive us, Lord**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16: 5 - 11 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Time with Children and Youth – and the Young is Spirit!

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 46 - 52 (NRSV)

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

<sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon "Help! Thanks! Follow!" Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music *Courant* Purcell  
Karin Kohl, organist

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Dedication of our offering:

One: Let us gather our gifts together and offer them in gratitude and praise to God.

**All: Thank you God for your blessings.**

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost

Anthem *All I Need is You / I Surrender All* W. Weeden, D. Adler  
arr. E. W. Van Dervort  
Woodridge Choir

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* Pilgrim Hymnal #391

Benediction

Hymn *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* Pilgrim Hymnal #370

Postlude *Minuet* J. S. Bach  
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*Welcome to*

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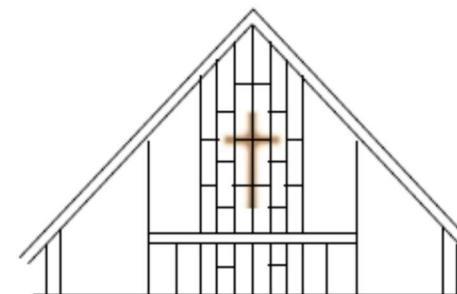


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As a caring and welcoming community, using the Bible as a resource and the teachings of Jesus as our guide, we joyfully welcome everyone into our Christian community, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, age, mental status, family structure, physical 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.

Rev. Scott Spencer, *Pastor*

Eric Van Dervort, *Music Minister*