

Gathering Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

L. Sue
Woodridge Chimes

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: Come before the Lord with joyful songs, because God is good, because God is generous.

All: **Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.**

One: Serve the Lord with gladness, because God is just and merciful.

All: **Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.**

One: Come before the Lord with joy because God is faithful to God's promises.

All: **Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.**

One: Know that the Lord is God and we are God's people.

All: **Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving.**

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*:

One: Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world.

All: **Lord, help us to be more thankful.**

One: We often neglect the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

All: **Lord, help us to be more thankful.**

One: Forgive us for taking without giving, for reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, and our hands to share.

All: **Lord, help us to be more thankful.**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 126 (NRSV)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 4: 4 - 9 (NRSV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

"A Life of Gratitude"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music

Simple Gifts

Early American Folk Song
Woodridge Chimes

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 *Thanksgiving Prayer* D. Besig
Woodridge Choir

Hymn *We Gather Together* E. Kremser
verses 1 & 2 Pilgrim Hymnal #21

Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* G. Elvey
verses 1 & 2 Pilgrim Hymnal #461

Benediction

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* F. Pierpoint
New Century Hymnal #28

Rev. Scott Spencer, *Pastor*

Eric Van Dervort, *Music Minister*

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



An Open & Affirming Congregation and A Caring & Welcoming Community

November 21, 2021 • 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.