

## Gathering Music

### *Gracious Presence*

Annie Britton and Terry Schwennesen

Seeking, praying, holding each one dear  
Wishing, wanting as we gather here  
Lead us, guide us, safely through this day  
Gracious Presence, hear us when we pray  
As your flock wanders on, cheer us as we go  
With your words teach us, give us seeds to sow

All who seek, may they find; all who ask, be filled  
all who knock, be let in; each held in goodwill  
Lead us, guide us, safely through this day  
Gracious Presence, hear us when we pray  
Comfort, peace and love; joy and hope endure  
Equity, mercy, and justice are the cure.  
Justice is the cure.

MUSIC: Based on Mvt II from *Symphony 9* by Antonin Dvořák; arr. Britton

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## Welcome & Announcements

## Opening Prayer

## 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 (*based on Psalm 25*):

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**All: Help me to make Godly decisions.**

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me

**All: Help me to make Godly decisions.**

One: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**All: Help me to make Godly decisions.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119: 73 - 77 (NRSV)

<sup>73</sup>Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

<sup>74</sup>Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

<sup>75</sup>I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness you have humbled me.

<sup>76</sup>Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

<sup>77</sup>Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

## Children's Sermon

## Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Sermon "Making Godly Decisions" Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music *For One Great Peace* Music: Jim Strathdee  
Words: Shirley Erena Murray  
Annie Britton and Terry Schwennesen

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 *Give Thanks* (music insert)

Anthem *Seek Ye First* Music: Karen Lafferty  
Based upon Matthew 6:33 and Jeremiah 29:11  
additional verse by Annie Britton  
Woodridge Choir with Annie Britton and Terry Schwennesen

Hymn *Michael Row the Boat Ashore*  
(music insert)

Closing Prayer

Benediction

*Those who wish to are invited to gather outside to sing the following selections, which may also be found on the music bulletin inserts – please use the lawn and terrace to avoid crowding:*

Sung Benediction *Celebrate God* Music and Lyrics: Carey Landry  
*This Is the Day*

*Welcome to*

## Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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

October 10, 2021 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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Thank you for your continued support.*



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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.