

Gathering Music

*This Little Light of Mine*

Composer: Harry Dixon Loes  
Arranger/Producer: Bob Ryan  
Vocal & Instrumentation: Bob Ryan

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:

One: After many months – we come together in worship.

**All: Thankful that God loves us.**

One: After many months – we come together as a church family.

**All: Thankful that God loves us.**

One: After many months – we come together to worship & praise God.

**All: Thankful that God loves us.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Children's Sermon – *Measuring God's love for us*

*That you may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love really is. - Ephesians 3: 18*

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 21, 22 (NRSV)

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

"God Loves You"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music

*I Can Only Imagine*

Jay Bombardier Jr. – baritone

Lyrics and Music by B. Millard

Bob Ryan - video design and editing

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Special prayer – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sept 11

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*

(*"inside" music insert*)

Anthem

*All Are Welcome*

M. Haugen

Woodridge Choir

Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me*

(*"inside" music insert*)

Closing Prayer

Benediction

*Those who wish to are invited to gather outside on the terrace—  
appropriately distanced—to sing the following selections,  
which may be found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> music bulletin insert:*

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

Benediction Response

*“This Is the Day”*

*Welcome to*

# Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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

September 12, 2021 • Worship at 10:00 AM

[woodridgechurchri.org](http://woodridgechurchri.org)

[facebook.com/woodridgecongregational](https://facebook.com/woodridgecongregational)

We continue to welcome non-perishable food contributions for the Interfaith Food Ministry. Donations may be dropped off at any time in the large box next to the Jackson Road Parish House entrance. Volunteers help every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning. *Thank you!*

A videotape of this service will be posted on our website – view it yourself or recommend to a friend or neighbor.

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*