

Gathering Music

Minuet 2

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sandy Nolan, organist

All Good Gifts

S. Schwartz

Bob Quintiliani - tenor

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.

Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community ... Be Third

Call to Worship *(responsive)*:

One: We gather as a community of all ages.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We gather as a community of many different kinds of people.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We gather to praise God.

All: Let us worship God.

One: We gather to give God thanks.

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*:

O Lord, we ask your forgiveness this day for the ways we can sometimes be mean and uncaring to others.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we put ourselves first before God and others.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we don't help those who need our help.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us this day by your grace and mercy and love.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31: 1 - 4 (NRSV)

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Children's Message

Then Jesus said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9: 23

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for the Sunday school year

Passing of the Peace

(leave for Sunday school "open house")

Special Music

The Church's One Foundation

James Denton

based on tune Aurelia by John Wesley

Sandy Nolan, organist

Sharing Our Prayers

Offering

Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich because of
what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks! Give thanks!

Anthem

All Are Welcome

M. Haugen
Woodridge Choir

Closing Prayer

Postlude

Crusaders

John Tractman
Sandy Nolan, organist

(you are invited to make your way to the terrace for singing and fellowship)

Jesus Loves Me

music insert

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

music insert

Benediction

Benediction response:

Halle, Halle Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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

Rally Day • September 18, 2022 • Worship at 10:00 AM
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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

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.

**Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community -
For September - our way is:**

"Be Third" - God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.