

Gathering Music

What God Ordains Is Always Good
Gigue

Walther
Handel
Karin Kohl, organist

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: As life goes on in the pandemic.

All: God still blesses us.

One: With everything up in the air and uncertain.

All: God still blesses us.

One: Even when we are afraid.

All: God still blesses us.

One: Even when we feel alone.

All: God still blesses us.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1 - 10 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Children's Sermon

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 4 - 7 (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.

Sermon

"God Blesses Us"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music

Minuet

J. S. Bach
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

Give Thanks

(*"inside" music insert*)

Anthem

Canticle of the Turning

R. Cooney / Traditional Irish melody
Woodridge Choir

Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(*"inside" music insert*)

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Those who wish to are invited to gather outside to sing the following selections, which may be found on the 2nd music bulletin insert – please use the lawn and terrace to avoid crowding:

Count Your Blessings

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 19, 2021 • Worship at 10:00 AM

woodridgechurchri.org

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 2nd 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*