

Gathering Music

The Gift

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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: Come, bring your hearts and minds and ears and eyes to praise God.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

One: Come, give voice to our work for justice and healing.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

One: Come, trust and believe in the goodness of our loving God.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

One: Come, rejoice in the movement of the Spirit that knows no boundaries.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*:

One: O God, you have given us gifts and we have not always used them to serve you and others.

All: **God forgive us and help us.**

One: When we have not trusted you as we should.

All: **God forgive us and help us.**

One: When our love and care for others is less than it should be.

All: **God forgive us and help us.**

One: When we don't always remember you and your love for us.

All: **God forgive us and help us.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 146 (NRSV)

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

(children may leave for Sunday School classes)

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22: 37 - 40 (NRSV)

³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Message

“Mr Rogers & the meaning and importance of Jesus’ Great Commandment”
Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music *Won't You Be My Neighbor* Fred Rogers

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 *What Does the Lord Require of You* J. Strathdee
Woodridge Choir

Closing Prayer

Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol - hymn tune
R. H. Prichard

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine music insert

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love 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*

September 25, 2022 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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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.