

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

September 29, 2024

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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.

** All who are able, please stand*

Gathering

What's happening at Woodridge?

Call to Worship

One: We gather to pray.

All: We gather to praise.

One: May our prayers extend beyond ourselves.

All: May our praise rise to the heavens.

One: May our lives be filled with love.

All: May our prayers be reflections of peace.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another. Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world. Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully. Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost, and create peace in a troubled world. Amen.

*Hymn

When in our Music God is Glorified

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Scripture:

Psalm 124(NRSV)

¹If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—²if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,³then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; ⁵then over us would have gone the raging waters.⁶Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. ⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Announcements

COVID Advisory Although many symptoms are mild, COVID cases are rising. If you have symptoms or don't feel well, please stay home and join in Sunday worship via our live-stream. If you attend in person and would feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. We try to have masks available for anyone who would like one. And we continue to encourage all who are eligible, and in consultation with their healthcare provider, to get appropriate vaccines. Please stay safe!

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6 with our brothers and sisters of the First Korean Church of Rhode Island in worship together at 10 AM, followed by our wonderful multi-cultural potluck lunch. The potluck signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex (aka lobby). Enjoy fellowship and homemade Korean and American food at its best!!

Start gathering together your donations for the **Holiday Market's TIMELESS TREASURES** room! We are seeking new, like-new or very gently used:

- Jewelry
- Pocketbooks, Shoes
- Warm winter accessories - scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters
- Tablecloths and linens (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size)
- Boxed small appliances, Kitchen utensils
- Christmas decorations and items

Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, Oct. 13. The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 3. Thank you very much! Your wonderful donations are key to our success!! Any questions, please see Martha Ryan, marthajryan@verizon.net.

Altar Flowers cost from Garden Hills Florist is now regular arrangements are **\$40** and a large arrangement is **\$50**.

The Date is set for the Woodridge-Fred Malcolm Golf Outing Fund Raiser. It will be October 6, 2024, 12:30PM start time. Midville Golf Club, West Warwick RI. **ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME** The fee for this event is \$75.00 per person payable in advance to Woodridge UCC. **Please indicate "Golf Outing" on the memo line.** Please send checks to the Church office: 30 Jackson Road Cranston, RI 02920 % Barbara Stifano by 09/29/24. Funds from this event go to Woodridge Church and the Leukemia Research Foundation. Call or email the office with questions, 401-942-0662 or woodridgechurch@verizon.net.

The Grief Support Group Meets Thursday afternoons, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Conference Room of the church. Access is via the Jackson Road entrance. This gathering is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Thank you for your continuing donations of non-perishable food items to the Interfaith Food Pantry – in the narthex basket or the box outside the Jackson Road office entrance.

We are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team! If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan (bobbyryan@verizon.net or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (firebombjr@gmail.com or see him at church). Thank you very much!

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

traditional Welsh melody

Go my child-ren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a-lone, wak-ing sleep-ing,
6 I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er
11 I have made you mine for-ev-er, go, my child-ren, with my bless-ing you are my own.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

K. Mendema

verse 1 and 2
repeat verse 1

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, — Lord, send your
sing - ing, —
6 spir-it in this place, — Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dre pray - ing, —
sing - ing, —
12 — send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deborah DiChiara

Ushers: Grant Southard, Marsha Southard,
Robert Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Marsha Southard, Grant Southard,
Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

The flowers this Sunday are given by Lynne Sullivan and Lou Beneduce in celebration of their granddaughter, Persephone's, second birthday.

Beverage on the Terrace today is provided by
Courtney Lombardi

Our Staff:

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