

Gathering Music

Karin Kohl, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Opening Prayer

God of steadfast love, you have written your testimonies upon the hearts of your people; your commandments have guided them throughout the ages. We praise you for Jesus, who makes your will known to us. We sense your Spirit at work in our lives. Throughout all creation, you maintain your presence and give us cause for rejoicing. We acknowledge your marvelous deeds and adore you.

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: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?

All: My help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth.

One: Let us worship God.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46: 1 - 5 (NRSV, responsive)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion table is open to all who wish to receive, regardless of church membership or affiliation. We welcome all ages to receive communion today and leave the decision to parents at what age their children should participate.

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Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We often speak when we should listen; we may hesitate when we should act. Anger sometimes prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness can inhibit our responding in faith. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

A Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Receiving of the elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to all the world. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4: 13 - 17 (NRSV)

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Sermon “Lessons from the Book of Ruth” Rev. Scott Spencer
Fourth of a 4-part sermon series

Special Music Karin Kohl, organist

Sharing Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Doxology (“inside” music insert)

Closing Hymn Give Thanks (“inside” music insert)

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open & Affirming Congregation and A Caring & Welcoming Community

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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*