

Woodridge Word

September 15, 2020

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
let us go to the house of the Lord.*

- Psalm 122: 1



Sunday worship in the sanctuary resumes



After many weeks of preparation, Woodridge reopened to in person worship on September 6. This has replaced worship over Zoom, but a recorded worship service may continue to be viewed online through the church website. It is important to know that no one should feel pressure to attend and should only come if you are comfortable and are feeling well. In addition, we want to encourage those who are vulnerable to Covid 19 because of age or compromised

health to please consider watching the service from home. Our service is shorter (around 45 minutes) with a simpler format that will be easy for all ages to follow along.

Music is shared on a screen and by piano and organ. There will be an opportunity to share prayer concerns and celebrations in person as we always do. The rest of the service should be familiar. To assist us in maintaining proper distancing and overall attendance numbers, you will need to make a reservation (by contacting the church office) and masks are required.





Woodridge photos by Barbara Spencer

The Christian Education Team has decided that the safest way to involve children and youth at this time is through inter-generational worship and to not hold separate and in person Sunday school through the Fall. We are encouraging families to worship together in the sanctuary. At home and virtual educational opportunities are being developed to supplement Sunday worship.

New Bible study series -

"Who is Jesus?"

begins Monday night (Sept 21) at 7 pm

Zoom format

Dates: Sept 21; 28; and Oct 5; 12; 19

Seven times in the gospel of John, Jesus described who He was by using a phrase beginning with "I am." We will look at 5 of those phrases: "I am the Light of the world" "I am the Bread of life" "I am the Good Shepherd" "I am the True Vine" "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." We will use these phrases to help us be clearer about "who Jesus was" and "why He is important in our lives today."

Each week we will begin with a short time of fellowship and prayer; read together the Bible passage for the week and then discuss its meaning and application. We will meet online for about 1 hour.

Zoom invite information to follow.

Questions - revscottspencer@gmail.com or 508 838 6035

Themes for September worship:

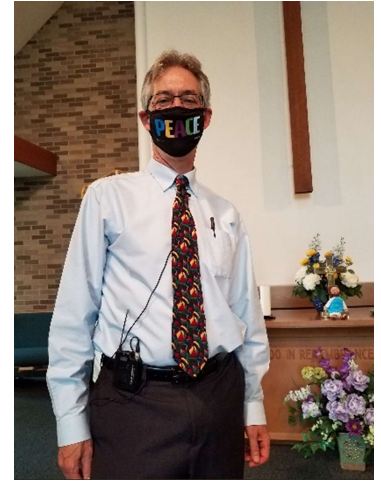
Peace overcomes anxiety and fear;

Philippians 4: 4 - 7; John 16: 33 (Sept. 6)

Hope overcomes grief and loss; Romans 5: 1 - 5 (Sept. 13)

Joy overcomes despair and sadness; John 16: 19 - 24
(Sept. 20)

And the greatest of these ... is **love**; 1 Corinthians 13
(Sept. 27)



Wonderful news in the Woodridge community

... as we celebrated the baptism of Raeya Harootunian - the daughter of Andrew and Lisa Harootunian - granddaughter of Elena and Bob Harootunian. Due to Covid, the service was done with just family.

SNE UCC News

The Rev. Darrell Goodwin – a pastor with experience in higher education and in varied ministry settings of the United Church of Christ – will be presented to Annual Meeting voters as the candidate to serve as the Southern New England Conference’s first Executive Conference Minister.

The **Woodridge Golf Outing** will be held Saturday afternoon, September 26 at Midville Golf Club in West Warwick. For details, contact David Jeffrey at 401-451-0913 or djeffrey15@cox.com

There will be another **“Pop the Trunk”** drive-up food donation event in the parking lot, following Sunday worship, September 27, 11 am - noon

Parish Directory - Additional copies of the updated parish directory are available from the office by request.

Staying connected ... if you are able to view email ... join **God Moments** ... an email that goes out Monday, Wednesday and Friday to those who might enjoy and be comforted by a brief scripture verse or reflection and the sharing of prayer concerns with others in our community. To receive the email - contact pastor Scott at revscottspencer@gmail.com

Giving to Woodridge . . . keeping up-to-date with your pledge or offering, if you are able, is very much appreciated . . . you may

- Mail in your pledge or offering by check: made payable to: Woodridge Congregational Church - mail to: 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston, RI 02920.
- Sign up for online bill payment - your bank will mail in your pledge or offering.
- Donate online with PayPal - use the "Donate" tab on our website

Thank you!

And always . . . let us know if there is anything we can do to help

Contact Pastor Scott at 508 838 6035 or email revscottspencer@gmail.com

Contact Dan in the office 9 am - 1 pm, Monday - Friday ... by phone or message or email: 401 942 0654 or 401 942 0662 or woodridgechurch@verizon.net.

Please do not come into the office.

Prayer requests can be phoned or emailed to Pastor Scott

