

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Worship at 10:00 AM

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*

Prelude

Alleluia Medley

Jerry Sinclair
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Gathering Music

Let Your Spirits Rise

R. F. Quintiliani (2026)
Prime Time Chimers

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God's day of resurrection, you who have known grief, you who long for new life, you who carry "Alleluias" in your hearts.

All: In Christ, we gather at the empty tomb.

One: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we sing of our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

NCH #233

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture:

Matthew 28:1-10^{NRSVUE}

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

I Come to the Garden Alone

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Prayers of the People

One: Living, Loving God, there is no power that can keep your presence from your people. The worst violence tries its best and fails. Your love keeps rising, keeps finding us, keeps calling us to new life, too. We celebrate and give thanks. Living, Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We celebrate the big and little resurrections all around us in our gardens, in our hearts, in our congregation, in our community. We are revived as these mysteries and miracles make themselves known. We rejoice as trembling voices bring good news. In this silence, we lift prayers of gratitude and hope.

(time for silence)

Living, Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We remember, too, all those people and places still yearning for resurrection, those for whom peace, justice, and wholeness still feel far off. We lament that the violence of empire is not vanquished. We pray that the persistence of your love would be cause for hope. In this silence, we lift prayers for all who struggle.

(time for silence)

Living, Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Help us to live fully into the promises of resurrection, for ourselves and for all the world. Keep turning us, again and again, toward life.

Living, Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer. Amen.

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, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Easter Anthem

Jack Schrader
Shyanne Slinko - piano
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Praise God From whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, like the first blooms of spring, we bring our gifts before you and your church to be sent out into the world, by the power of your spirit, to proclaim new life and bear witness to resurrection. May each gift of every size bloom with resurrection hope, nourishing both our faith community and our neighbors. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

Let Us Break Bread Together

Pilgrim #288

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Bread and Cup*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy, Imaginative God, may we believe like Mary, running from this place, shouting, "I have seen the Lord." For here in this place, we see your image reflected in the eyes of all we made contact with today. We feel your presence in the gathering of your people. We hear your blessing in the voice of our neighbor. Let us not keep silent. But take all we have seen and heard, and share it with those who long to know your peace. Amen.

*Hymn:

Because He Lives

see insert
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Benediction

Benediction Response

Halleluja

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Postlude

Victory In Jesus

Eugene Monroe Bartlett Sr.
Shyanne Slinko - organ

Announcements

The enclosed envelope may be used to make a gift to the **Deacon's Fund**, assisting Woodridge family and community members with emergency needs. Thank you.

Eat Out & Raise Money for Woodridge Church Dine for Donations 2026 is in progress. This last restaurant in this first series has designated April 22, 2026 as Woodridge Church day and will donate to Woodridge Church a percentage of the total checks paid by diners who give or show our flyer to their server that day. The rules vary slightly from restaurant to restaurant, but giving the paper flyer to your server always works. Here's the dates that have been set up so far. Make plans with your family and friends and church friends! Additional dates and restaurants will be coming soon! The restaurant flyer will be sent out via the Woodridge Word and distributed in church as each date approaches. Coming up next:

April 22 - The Big Cheese and Pub at 606 Reservoir Ave Cranston

Almost May Breakfast will be April 25, 2026 8am to 11am. Invite family and friends to an all you can eat fabulous breakfast serving, eggs, frittata, Johnny Cakes, ham, sausage, home fries, strudel, muffins and Holly's baked beans. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. This is our church fund raiser. Please consider helping in any way you can. More hands make for lighter work, and besides it's a lot of fun.

Tickets on sale in the Narthex. Adults: \$15, Kids 5-12: \$7. See you there!

Worshiping with children/youth or new to our church? Welcome! Scan this QR code to find our Child and Family Information page to learn about things like worship resources, Sunday School/nursery, and where to find bathrooms/changing tables.



Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Frank Toti

Ushers: Deb Scipione, Eileen Phaneuf,
Lou Beneduce, Richard Jordan

Stewards: Richard Therrien, Deborah Therrien
Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani

Communion is provided and prepared by
Nancy Quintiliani & Dianne Cavanaugh

See the insert for all the members and friends of
Woodridge who gave all the beautiful altar flowers.

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