

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

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April 12, 2026

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

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

All: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

All: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's saving work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

*Hymn:

Hail the Day, That Sees Him Rise

NCH#260

Scripture:

Psalm 16^{NRSVUE}

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷ I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹ You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1) NCH #82

Scripture:

John 20:19-31^{NRSVUE}

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of

the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

Peace I Leave with You My Friends

NCH #249

Pastoral Prayer — Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

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

He Keeps Me Singing

Luther B. Bridgers
Arr. Joe E. Parks
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

Announcements

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Jesus our Protector and Savior, we thank you for every gift you have given us that brings us delight and joy in this life. We thank you for every gift that comes to us in times of despair to lift us up and tend to our sorrows. May these gifts reach out to our world, that others may know your joy, your caring, your deep understanding of despair—and your Life that-defeats death. Amen.

*Hymn: Thine Is the Glory Pilgrim #193

Benediction

Benediction Response Halleluja NCH #236

Postlude Glorious Day Michael Bleeker
Shyanne Slinko – piano

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.



Eat Out & Raise Money for Woodridge Church Dine for Donations 2026 is in progress. This last restaurant in this first series has designated April 29, 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 29 - The Big Cheese and Pub at 606 Reservoir Ave Cranston
Flyers are available in the Narthex***

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!

See Our very own Shyanne Slinko, as Accompanist in the “When You Wish Upon a Star” annual spring concert with The North Kingstown Community Chorus and Youth Chorus at North Kingstown High School. Performances are Saturday, May 2 at 7pm and Sunday, May 3 at 3pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance \$20 at the door \$5 children 8 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased at Dave’s Marketplace in Wickford & Quonset, Bert & Peg’s or from any chorus member. You can buy tickets on their website: www.nkchorus.org. Donations accepted at the door for the NK Food Pantry. See the flyers posted in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for all the details and ability to scan QR code. See you there!

The Annual Stamp Farm Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 9am to 5pm. They are located at 219 Comstock Parkway, and offer a wide selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and hanging baskets. Be sure to mention “**Woodridge Church**” when you pay so that a portion of the proceeds will go to Woodridge Church. *If you need more information, feel free to ask Deb Therrien.*

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 bbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 6-9pm. All experiences WELCOME. For questions contact: RPlloettner@gmail.com

My sincerest apologies to Pastor Aidan, his family and the congregation for any confusion I may have caused. I inadvertently indicated his Easter flower dedication for his Dad incorrectly. It should have been indicated under “In celebration of” not “In memory of.”

*Respectfully,
Barbara*

Worship Ministers for Today’s Service

Liturgist: Deb DiChiara

Ushers: Grant Southard, Larry Celani,
Robert Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Grant Southard, Ellen Hunt,
Bob Cole, Larry Celani

Flowers on the altar this week are given by members and friends of Woodridge Church

Coffee, Juice, and snacks in Fellowship Hall following Worship are provided by The Executive Board

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