

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

April 19, 2026

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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*

Prelude

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin  
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

**All: Christ meets us here.**

One: Even when we become lost and disoriented,

**All: Christ rescues us in our need.**

One: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

**All: Christ warms our spirits.**

One: Even when all light has faded to black,

**All: Christ illumines our Way.**

One: Here in this house of worship, enter, rejoice, and come home.

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus, you were the disciple companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, stir up our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.**

Hymn:

Now the Green Blade Rises

NCH #238

Scripture:

Acts 2:14a; 36-41<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>36</sup> “Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Sending Hymn:

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1)

NCH #82

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas,

answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn:

Open the Eyes of my Heart

P. Baloche - music and lyrics

Refrain

Choir then add all gathered

O-pen the eyes of my heart, — Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart,

— I want to see you, I want to see you.

2. verse - all gathered  
to see you high and lift - ed up. shin-ing in the light of your glo -

ry. — Pour out your pow-er and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-

ly." — "ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." I want to see you. —

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

I'll Keep My Eyes on the Cross

Kenn Mann

Shyanne Slinko – piano  
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Loving God, you come to us in moments of grief when we have lost our ability to perceive your presence. Receive our thanks for meeting us on the road and for quickening our spirits. Receive our praise for opening your word to us and for enlightening our minds. May the gifts we bring before you now reflect the stirring of our hearts, as you heal the broken places in our lives. May the offering we bring forth stir the hearts of those in need of your mercy and your grace. Amen.**

Hymn:

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

NCH #539

Benediction

Benediction Response

Halleluja

NCH #236

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians  
by Our Love Medley

Fr. Peter Scholte  
Shyanne Slinko - piano

## Announcements

**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!

**Eat Out & Raise Money for Woodridge** This last restaurant in this first series has designated April 29, 2026 (changed due to a conflict) as Woodridge Church day and will donate to Woodridge Church 15 percent of the total checks paid by diners who give or show our flyer to their server that day The restaurant flyer will be sent out via the Woodridge Word and is available in the Narthex. Make sure your flyer shows the 04/29/26 date. Coming up next:

***April 29 - The Big Cheese and Pub at 606 Reservoir Ave Cranston***

**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](http://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.*

## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Nancy Quintiliani

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,  
Rebecca Rotondo, Carmen Steinbrecher

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Deb DiChiara,  
Eileen Phaneuf, Deb DiChiara

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by  
Members and friends of  
Woodridge Congregational Church

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

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