

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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

Worship at 10:00 AM Aug. 17, 2025

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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.

Gathering

Evocation

Dennis Eliot
Sandy Nolan - organ

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Give ear, God of all people.

All: Stir up your strength and deliver us!

One: Once you rescued your children from bondage.

All: Now, set your people free.

One: Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

All: Turn to us anew and see us in our need.

One: Restore us, God of Creation.

All: Let your face shine upon us.

One: May our suffering cease.

All: May all your children be saved.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and songs of praise. We join voices from ancient times, that placed their trust in you in days of joy or pain. Inspire us in this hour, that we may never surrender to despair. Renew in us enduring faith, even as we join eternally in song. Amen.

*Hymn:

O Day of God, Draw Near

NCH #611

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56(NRSVUE)

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: If You But Trust in God to Guide You NCH #410

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.

Offertory All Good Gifts Music: Stephen Schwartz
Lyrics: Matthias Claudius
Sandy Nolan – piano
Bob Quintiliani – solo

Doxology Praise God from Whom NCH #779
all Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Yet how good it is to see living acts of faith in Christ’s church and its people. Bless, O Lord, the offerings we give, that others may know of your love, and come to trust your provision and peace. Amen.

*Hymn: Guide My Feet NCH #497

Benediction

Benediction Response Amen NCH #812

Postlude Sonatina W. A. Mozart
Sandy Nolan - piano

Announcements

Thank you to all who helped at the Interfaith Food Pantry on 08/09/25. The need is great, **90** families received food. More hands did make for lighter work and it was a total success. Thanks to all for continuing donations of non-perishable food items to the Interfaith Food Pantry – in the narthex basket or the box outside the Jackson Road office entrance. **Please** consider donating the following items during the warm months of summer: cereal (individual packs in boxes), soups, canned veggies, canned fruit or individual fruit packs and juice. Also, there is a low supply of peanut butter, jelly, Instant mashed potatoes, and Boxed milk, (liquid and powder). **See the sign-up sheet** in the Narthex on the bulletin board to help dispense the food collected. The Service Team (Lenny & Lori-Jo) are in search of a person or people who could commit to being a back-up for them in the event they could not be at the Interfaith Food Pantry. Any questions call Lori-Jo and Lenny Wahl: 401-261-3916.

Beverage on the Terrace. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. This involves setting up the card table outside the entry doors with refreshments usually juice or ice tea and maybe some cookies or brownies. See Courtney Lombardi or Carol Kinoian for more information.

Holiday Bazaar Anyone interested in helping this year please come to the meeting today following worship in the Conference Room to discuss plans for the 2025 **Holiday Bazaar**.

Summer Read: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We will read the book independently and gather for a discussion in the Music Room after worship on **Sunday, August 24th**. “Braiding Sweetgrass” is widely available in bookstores and in wide circulation in the Rhode Island library system. We still have copies available to borrow here at the church.

Our church Bowling Night will be rescheduled for early September. Stay tuned for the specific date and time.

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 bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild will continue through the summer meeting on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month 6-9pm. Cost is \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: RPloettner@gmail.com

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Nancy Quintiliani

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher,
Sharon Albert, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher,
John Chin, Rebecca Rotondo

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