

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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

Worship at 10:00 AM Aug. 24, 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 Gavotte in G Minor Johann Sebastian Bach
Sandy Nolan - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is our rock and our refuge.

All: God is our fortress in times of trouble.

One: The Holy One saves us from the hand of the wicked.

All: God delivers us from our foes.

One: Christ heals us from our infirmities.

All: The Spirit frees us from the chains that bind us.

One: Rest in the Source of our refuge and strength.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great Healer, we are beaten down by life's suffering. Make us whole, O God, and help us share your healing with the world. Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits, and set us free from the chains that bind us, that we may help break the chains of others. Amen.

*Hymn: Come, We Who Love God's Name NCH #379

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 13: 10-17(NRSVUE)

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: O Savior, Let Me Walk with You NCH #503

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 Change My Heart, Oh God Eddie Espinosa
Arr. Carol Tornquist
Bob Ryan - flugelhorn

Doxology Doxology NCH #779

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of power and might, in times of trial, you are our fortress and our refuge. In thanksgiving and praise for your wonderful gifts, we offer you our tithes and offerings, that others might know the strength of your unshakable kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn: I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me NCH #474

Benediction

Benediction Response Amen NCH #812

Postlude The Church's One Foundation James Denton
Sandy Nolan - organ

Announcements

"Braiding Sweetgrass" Discussion today: Join us in the Music Room today to discuss our summer read.

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.

Toiletries Collection

Collaboration with MAE Organization

For the next several weeks we will be collecting toiletries for people here in RI that are "Mostly Unhoused" or "Housing and Food Insecure." Our goal is: THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

We are collecting travel sized and full-sized toiletries:

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Powder (foot or medicated), Dry Shampoo, Face and Body Wipes, Hand/ Body Lotion, Tissue Packs, Band Aids, Mini/Maxi Pads, Tampons, Laundry Detergent Sheets, Comb/ Hair Brush, Floss, Lip Balm, Trail Mix (individual packet).

In addition to these items **"SOCKS"** are the biggest need.

Confirmation Class 2025-2026

All youth in grades 9 and above are invited to join our Confirmation class beginning in September. Confirmation is the affirmation of baptism. During the confirmation program, confirmands will explore their faith, the traditions of the Christian church, the Bible, and what it means to be a person of faith in authentic ways as teens. Please share this opportunity with friends and family in our community who have confirmation aged youth, even if they aren't currently members of Woodridge. Deadline to sign up is August 31st. More information (including a tentative schedule) can be found in the Woodridge Word.

Rally Day is Sept. 7, 2025 which is only 2 weeks away. Hold on to summer as long as you can. Before you know it the kids will be back to school.

Woodridge Holiday Bazaar's TIMELESS

TREASURES room! We are seeking new, like-new and clean very gently used articles. Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall beginning October 5. The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 2. Thank you very much! Your wonderful donations are key to our success!! Any questions, please see Martha Ryan, marthajryan@verizon.net or Carmen Steinbrecher, crburney814.cs@gmail.com.

Here is a list of suggestions:

Jewelry, Pocketbooks and wallets

Shoes and boots in like new or gently used condition

Winter accessories – gloves, mittens, scarves, hats

Tablecloths, linens, sheets (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size)

Blankets, comforters

Small appliances and working electronics

Kitchen items, Dishes

Christmas and other holiday decorations

Warm women's, men's and children's clothes

Vintage clothing

Decorative pillows, Art and other decorative items.

Sports equipment - clothing and helmets etc

Video accessories - old radios etc

Tools - small hand-held and electric or battery-run, toolboxes

"HOLIDAY BAZAAR"

Our Next meeting is Sept. 14, 2025

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Steven Pennell

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

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

Beverage on the Terrace is supplied by
Carmen & Les Steinbrecher

The flowers on the altar this week are given by
Maureen Brown in loving memory of her two best moms,
Betty Brown and Ginny Hanrahan.

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