

Welcome to
Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00 AM

February 1, 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

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Charles Gabriel
Shyanne Slinko - organ

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?
All: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**
One: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?
All: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**
One: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?
All: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**
One: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!
All: **We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

When we feel beaten down by the world, Merciful One, free us from sorrow and grief. When we are wounded by careless words, help us refrain from lashing out in our suffering and hurting the ones we love. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may walk humbly in your ways and be a blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn:

Arise, Your Light Has Come

NCH #164

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Scripture:

Micah 6:1-8NRSVUE

6 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. **2** Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, AND you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. **3** “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! **4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. **5** O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” **6** “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” **8** He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

Matthew 5:1-12NRSVUE

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying: **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^b on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

Hymn:

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

NCH #454

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

It is Well with my Soul

Philip Bliss
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Thank You, Lord

African American Melody

sing 2x

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Source of justice and mercy, work through this offering to bring your gifts to the world: righteousness and peace, love and kindness, hope and joy. May our gifts truly express our gratitude for your many blessings for our church and for your children everywhere. 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)

Gracious God, we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded. Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (insert) see page 5

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American Spiritual arr. W. Whalum

I'm gon-na live so____ God can use me,____ an-y where Lord,
 work so____ God can use me,____ an-y where Lord,
 pray so____ God can use me,____ an-y where Lord,
 sing so____ God can use me,____ an-y where Lord,

— an-y time! I'm gon-na live so____ God can use me,
 — an-y time! I'm gon-na work so____ God can use me,
 — an-y time! I'm gon-na pray so____ God can use me,
 — an-y time! I'm gon-na sing so____ God can use me,

— an-y where Lord,____ an-y time! I'm gon-na
 — an-y where Lord,____ an-y time! I'm gon-na
 — an-y where Lord,____ an-y time! I'm gon-na

Benediction

Benediction Response

Amen (refrain only)

NCH #161

Postlude

It's in His Name

Judy Asin Hurst Simon
Shyanne Slinko - piano

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 starting in February! The following restaurants have designated one day 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.

February 10 - Chelo's at 1275 Reservoir Ave Cranston

March 10 - Texas Roadhouse at 99 Garfield Ave Cranston

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

***Flyers are now available in the Narthex for the Chelo's Dine For Donations**

Call to the Annual Meeting Sunday, February 1, 2026 following worship.

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 Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month 6-9pm. Cost is \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: RPlloettner@gmail.com

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Carol Kinoian

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

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

Communion is provided and prepared by Nancy Quintiliani and Maureen Brown

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are provided by Nancy Quintiliani in celebration of her husband, Bob's birthday

Annual Meeting immediately following worship here in the Sanctuary

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