

Welcome to Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation and
A Caring & Welcoming Community

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February 8, 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

It's in His Name

Judy Asin Hurst Simon
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: People of God, why are you here?
All: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.
One: People of God, who do you worship?
All: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.
One: People of God, how do you worship?
All: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.
One: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!
All: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day. For this we are grateful. As we worship today, may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom. May our eyes be opened to places that need healing. May our hands be opened to do your good work. May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn:

I Woke Up This Morning

NCH #85

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Scripture: Psalm 112:1-9_{NRSVUE}

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

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

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20_{NRSVUE}

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, ¹⁹ not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be

called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

NCH #525

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 Lord Work a Miracle

Pepper Chaplin
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Thank You, Lord

African American Melody



Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you Lord, I just want to thank you Lord.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us. May these gifts help heal and restore our community, so that all will flourish like a well-watered garden. Amen.

*Hymn: My Eyes Have Seen the Glory NCH #610

Benediction

Benediction Response Amen (Spiritual) (refrain only) (2x) NCH #161

Postlude Wonderful Grace of Jesus medley Shyanne Slinko piano

Announcements

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.



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry.

During the cold winter months please consider donating hot soups especially in the months of February and March. There also continues to be a need for canned tuna and chicken, small containers of mayonnaise to add to make sandwiches would be wonderful. Cereals both hot and cold, peanut butter and Pancake mix that only requires water for mixing, maple syrup and boxed milk. Hot beverage items such as instant and regular coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Woodridge Church has the second Saturday of each month to dispense the donated food at the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry from 9:45am to noon. Please sign up to give 2 – 2 1/2 hours of your time to assist with getting this food sorted and packed so that families can benefit from all that is donated. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. 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. This Tuesday is hosted by Chelo's. Bring your family, gather friends and treat yourself to dinner. No planning, no going to the market, no prep, no dishes to wash. I'm in...

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**

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Jay Bombardier

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

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

Flowers on the altar this week are given by
Jay, Nick, Matthew, and Dillon Bombardier
"In honor of the beautiful memory of Amanda,
five years since she found her wings on February 11".

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

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