

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 26, 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.

** All who are able, please stand*

Gathering

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

All: We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

One: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

All: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

One: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

All: And may it be enacted in our lives!

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home away from home. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation. We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – knowing that you accept us and are ever mindful of our cares and joys. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention, so that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us in word and melody and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service.

Hymn

The Summons (vs. 1&2)

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Scripture:

Psalm 19 (NRSV)

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

God of our ancestors, caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love. May the gifts we bring before you this day honor the many ways you bless this church. And may our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love, as we continue Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Hymn

Send Me Jesus

NCH #360

Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go in Peace

K. E. White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

Postlude

The Summons

traditional Scottish melody
arr. John Bell

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my

name? — Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and nev er be the same?
 name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

— Will you let my love be shown — will you let my name be known,
 — Will you risk the hos - tile stare — should your life at - tract or scare? —
 — Will you kiss the lep - er clean, — and do such as this un - seen, —
 — Will you use the faith you've found — to re - shape the world a - round,
 — In your com - pa - ny I'll go — where your love and foot - steps show. —

— will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 — Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 — and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 — through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 — Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Announcements

The Annual Report Meeting will be held today (January 26th) following worship in Fellowship Hall

Church Game Night -- Friday, February 7th at 6:30 PM
Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share for game night in Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy a time of fellowship and friendly gaming competition.

Thank you for your 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 cold months of winter: Hot instant cereal individual packs in boxes, Oatmeal, Hot soup individual packs (Lipton or store brand), Tea, and Hot chocolate. Also there is a low supply of Peanut butter, Instant mashed potatoes, and Boxed milk, (liquid and powder).

We are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team! If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan (bobby.ryan@verizon.net or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (firebombjr@gmail.com or see him at church). Thank you very much!

The Grief Support Thursday afternoons, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Conference Room. 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 on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month 6-9pm. Cost \$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: Jay Bombardier Jr.

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,
Lori-Jo Wahl, Lenny Wahl

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,
Eileen Phaneuf, Carol Kinoian

The flowers this Sunday are given by
Sharon Albert in honor of her children Suzanne and David
Christian Education committee is supplying coffee and pastry
For the month of January

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