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.



## 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.

The Summons (vs. 1&2)

Scripture:

Hvmn

Psalm 19 (NRSV)

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

\* All who are able, please stand

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reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

# Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

*Sending Hymn	Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v.1)	NCH #82
	(Children may leave for Sunday School)	

### Scripture:

Luke 4:14-21(NRSV)

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — Pastoral Prayer

# Lord's Prayer

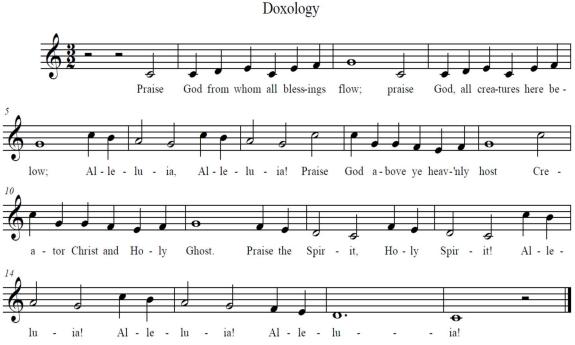
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# <u>Offertory</u>

A New Year

M. H. Ochs Woodridge Choir





#### 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

<u>Hymn</u>	Send Me Jesus NCH #360
Benediction	
*Benediction R	esponse
	Go in Peace K. E. White
eace of God	Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the Go in peace and the device of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new
	be with you at - ways. Cet - e - brate and share the joy: Cet - e - brate new
• life!	Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

#### The Summons traditional Scottish melody arr. John Bell 0 1 Will you come and fol - low me but call vour 2 Will be - hind if but call you leave your - self your 3 Will vou let the blind - ed see if but call vour if 4 Will 'you' you hide you love the Ι but call your 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my Will you go where you don't know and nev - er name? be the same: Will vou care for cruel and kind and nev er be name? the same? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the name? same? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be name? the same? \_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the name. same. shown\_\_\_\_ will you let Will you let my love be 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 my life you let be grown in you and VOU in me? Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ad - mit to what Ι mean in you and you in me? and \_\_through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? \_ Thus I'll move and live and grow in vou and you in me.

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#### **Postlude**

# Announcements

**The Annual Report Meeting** will be held today (January 26<sup>th</sup>) 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 (<u>bobby.ryan@verizon.net</u> or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (<u>firebombjr@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org</u>

**Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild** Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month 6-9pm. Cost \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: <u>RPloettner@gmail.com</u>

# 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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