

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 18, 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

In Thanks and Praise

Ruth Schram
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Can you hear God's call?

All: Christ's voice is heard far and near.

One: Can you discern God's Word?

All: Christ calls one and all.

One: God speaks of light and life.

All: Christ loves the mighty and the small.

One: The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

All: We are called into fellowship together.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One, may our spirits be opened to your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

*Hymn:

Great Is Your Faithfulness

NCH #423

Scripture:

Isaiah 49:1-7^{NRSVUE}

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand, he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God.” ⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶ he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

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

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11^{NRSVUE}

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴ Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

Here I Am, Lord

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Here I Am, Lord

based upon Isaiah 6:8

D. L. Schutte

Musical notation for the hymn 'Here I Am, Lord' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are as follows:
I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry,
I the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain,
I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
5 All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
9 I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright,
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone,
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Til their hearts be sat - is - fied,
13 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here am, Lord.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?
19 — Is it I, Lord? — I have heard you call ing in the
24 night. — I will go, Lord, — if you lead me. —
29 — I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

Precious Jesus

Alt House
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

*Doxology

(sung to tune of Old 100th)
*To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of Grace and God of Glory, you bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life. As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of your glory. Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.

*Hymn:

This Little Light of Mine

NCH #525

Benediction

*Benediction Response

Amen

NCH #812

Postlude

In Thanks and Praise (continuation of the Prelude) Ruth Schram
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 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.

Call to the Annual Meeting January 25, 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 WELOCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: RPloettner@gmail.com

WARRANT

The Annual Meeting of Woodridge Congregational United Church of Christ

will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately after the worship service at which time the following agenda will be in order:

1. To vote on the 2025 annual budget.
2. To vote on the 2025 Nomination Slate.
3. To discuss any new business that may come before the meeting.

Deborah Therrien, Clerk

Debra A. Moretti, Moderator

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Ken Kinoian

Ushers: Grant Southard, Rebecca Rotondo,
Robert Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Grant Southard,
Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

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