

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

January 25, 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 & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us: "Come! Follow me!"  
**All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**  
One: Some say, "But we are walking in darkness."  
**All: In Christ, we have seen God's light. The kingdom of heaven has come near.**  
One: Some say, "But divisions tear us apart."  
**All: In Christ we are united in mind and purpose. The kingdom of heaven has come near.**  
One: Friends of God, today we gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.  
**All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Inviting God, help us to hear Jesus calling us and help us to follow him. In Christ, your kingdom draws near to us, whether we are seeking it or not. When we are caught up in our anguish, you shine a great light in our darkness. When we face days full of trouble, you shelter us. You hear us, God, when we cry out to you. May we hear you this day when you cry out to us. Amen.**

\*Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation

NCH #386

Scripture: Psalm 27:1,4-9<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup> “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

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

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked

by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn: Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult NCH #172

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 (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)

**Generous God, you have blessed us with your call to follow Jesus. In return, we rejoice as we give our offerings and gifts. May they be used for the work of proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Amen.**

\*Hymn: O Savior, Let me Walk with You NCH #503

Benediction

\*Benediction Response Amen NCH #812

Postlude It's in His Name Judy Asin Hurst Simon  
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** Today, 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](mailto:bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org)

**Quilty pleasures Quilt Guild** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:RPloettner@gmail.com)

## Announcements (cont.)

**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

## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deborah Therrien

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,  
Carmen Steinbrecher

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,  
Eileen Phaneuf, Deb DiChiara

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

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

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