

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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

Worship at 10:00 AM July 13, 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

Prelude

Vladimir Rebikov
Sandy Nolan - organ

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

All: We come to worship and to praise.

One: With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

All: With love for God, we gather as God's community of love.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen.

*Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart NCH #290
(vss. 1,4,5)

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37(NRSVUE)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian NCH #454

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.

Offertory: Amazing Grace
with I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
arr. Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan - piano

*Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
NCH#780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

*Hymn: O for a World NCH #575

Benediction

*Benediction Response: God Be with You (vs 2) NCH # 81

Postlude Fughetta Alexandre Boely
Sandy Nolan - organ

Announcements

Beverage on the Terrace. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. This involves setting up the card table outside the entry doors with refreshments usually juice or ice tea and maybe some cookies or brownies. See Courtney Lombardi or Carol Kinoian for more information.

Holiday Market Anyone interested in helping this year please come to the meeting today following worship in the Conference Room to discuss plans for the 2025 ***Holiday Market***.

New Member Sunday will be July 27th. If you are new to the church or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member of Woodridge, join Pastor Aidan for a brief information session today in the Music Room after worship.

Pastor Aidan will be on vacation from July 14 to July 21. If there is a pastoral emergency, he can be reached on his cell phone.

Confirmation Class 2025-2026

All youth in grades 9 and above are invited to join our Confirmation class beginning in September. Confirmation is the affirmation of baptism. During the confirmation program, confirmands will explore their faith, the traditions of the Christian church, the Bible, and what it means to be a person of faith in authentic ways as teens. Please share this opportunity with friends and family in our community who have confirmation aged youth, even if they aren't currently members of Woodridge. Deadline to sign up is August 31st. More information (including a tentative schedule) can be found in the Woodridge Word.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Jonathan McDowell

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

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

Beverage on the Terrace is supplied by
Rebecca Rotondo

The flowers on the altar this week are given by
Frank Toti Jr. in honor and memory of his father, Frank Toti Sr.
and
John Chin in honor and memory of his mother,
Susan Chin

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