Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open & Affirming Congregation and A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00 AM July 20, 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. <u>Gathering</u> Minuet 1 and Minuet 3 Johann Sebastian Bach Sandy Nolan - organ

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

- One: Above the noise of the world, a quiet voice is calling.
- All: The rush of the days, the busyness of life, can drain Us and leave us empty.
- One: But we hear the call of Jesus to come away with him and rest.
- All: May we hear his gracious invitation, and center our lives in the refreshing presence of God.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree—a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Your movement in our midst is like a basket of summer fruit—a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. Amen.

<u>'Hymn:</u>	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	NCH #1
Scripture:	Psalm 15(NRSVUE)	

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? ² The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; ³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; ⁴ who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; ⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

Genesis 18: 1-10a(NRSVUE)

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,^[a] do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way-now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick." he said. "get three seahs^[b] of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.⁹ "Where is your wife, Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

<u>Sermon</u>		Mike Corey	<u>*Hymn:</u>	How Firm a Foundation	NCH #407
<u>*Hymn:</u>	Be Thou My Vision	NCH #451	Benediction		
Pastaral Prover - Prover Concerns and Colobrations		*Benediction Re	sponse: God Be With You (vs. 3)) NCH #81	
Pastoral Prayer – Prayer Concerns and Celebrations			<u>Postlude</u>	Minuet 2 Johan Sel	bastian Bach

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.

<u>Offertory</u>	Beautiful One with O Come, Let Us Adore Him
	Arr. Carol Linquist
	Sandy Nolan - piano

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing. May the offering we return to you this day reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they show our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen.

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.

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 warm months of summer: cereal (individual packs in boxes), soups, canned veggies, canned fruit or individual fruit packs and juice. Also, there is a low supply of peanut butter, jelly, Instant mashed potatoes, and Boxed milk, (liquid and powder)

<u>Please sign up to help serve the food</u> at the Interfaith Food Pantry on the second Saturday of each month 9:15 - noon. 5-6 people are <u>needed</u> to make this a smooth process. See the signup sheet in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Any questions call Lori-Jo and Lenny Wahl: 401-261-3916

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.

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: Barbara Gloria

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher, Sharon Albert, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher, John Chin, Rebecca Rotondo

> Beverage on the Terrace is supplied by Tricia Pardini

The flowers on the altar this week are given by Carol & Ken Kinoian in celebration of their anniversary

Our Staff:

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