

# Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



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

Worship at 10:00 AM July 27, 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.

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*\*All who are able, please stand*

## Gathering

Adagio

Wolfgang Mozatt  
Sandy Nolan - organ

## Welcome & Church Life

### Call to Worship

One: Before we even knock,

**All: Christ opens the doors and invites us in.**

One: Before we even ask,

**All: God knows our every need.**

One: Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

**All: for the Spirit has called us here.**

### Opening Prayer (unison)

**Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the doors of our hearts, as you have opened the doors of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find their rest in you. Amen.**

### \*Hymn:

There's a Spirit in the Air

NCH #294

### Reception of New Members

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Let us read together the Woodridge Congregational Church covenant as found in our Constitution:

**We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God and to walk together in the ways of the Lord made known to us. We believe it is our mission to proclaim our Christian faith by word and action throughout the world; to promote justice and equality for all; to work and to pray for peace; and to strive to eliminate war, poverty, and ignorance, helping our fellow human beings aspire to and achieve a way of life suitable to children of God.**

Let us, the members of Woodridge Congregational Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.**

### Passing of the Peace

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13(NRSVUE)

**11** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn:

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

K. Mendema

verse 1 and 2  
repeat verse 1

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, — Lord, send your  
sing - ing, —

6  
spir-it in this place, — Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dre pray - ing, —  
sing - ing, —

12  
— send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

Evacuee

Enya and Nicky Ryan  
Sandy Nolan – piano

\*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God of love and justice, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that you have given us. As we share these gifts with you, bless them and our ministries, that they may bring love and justice to your world. Amen.**

\*Hymn:

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

NCH #448

Benediction

\*Benediction Response: God Be With You (vs. 4) NCH # 81

Postlude

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Alexandre Boelby  
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)

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

**New Member Sunday** is today, July 27<sup>th</sup>

## 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: Sharon Albert

Ushers: Debbie Scipione, Eileen Phaneuf,  
Lou Beneduce, Richard Jordan

Stewards: Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani,  
Deborah Therrien, Richard Therrien

Beverage on the Terrace is supplied by  
Courtney Lombardi

The flowers on the altar this week are given by  
Nancy & Bob Quintiliani as a birthday remembrance  
for their parents.

## Our Staff:

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