

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

June 01, 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.

** All who are able, please stand*



Gathering

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken:

All: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

One: We come, with these ordinary people, who have shown us the way:

All: trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

One: We surround the Table of grace so we might be fed by the Bread of life:

All: that graced, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

From the demons that haunt our lives, deliver us. From the self-judgment and shame that dim the light within us, save us. From the hurts and sorrows that harm us, heal us. Cover us with your comfort, grace, and love, that we may shine with your glory and grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

NCH #304

Scripture:

Luke 24:44-53(NRSVUE)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pilgrimage Commissioning for Mike Corey

Leader: Family and friends, I present to you this person who has been called to new and deeper learning. This pilgrim will journey with a group of pilgrims who will become a learning community of seekers. Enlighten them, O God, as we send them off.

People: **We lift them in prayer.**

Leader: Protect them, O God, as they journey and as they walk on sacred ground.

People: **We lift them in prayer.**

Leader: Teach them, O God, as they discover what drew St. Columba to Iona And what inspires today's Iona Community to work for peace and justice, the rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship.

People: **We lift them in prayer.**

Passing of the Peace

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSVUE)

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

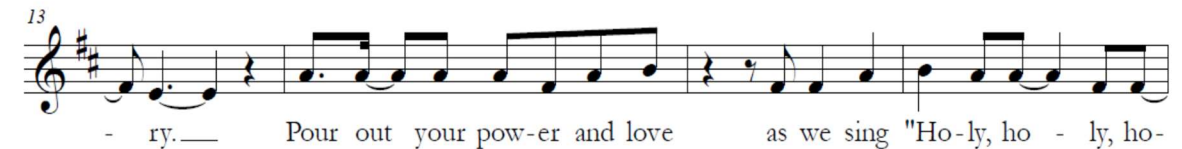
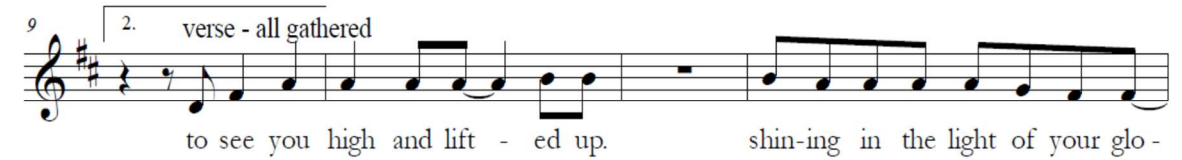
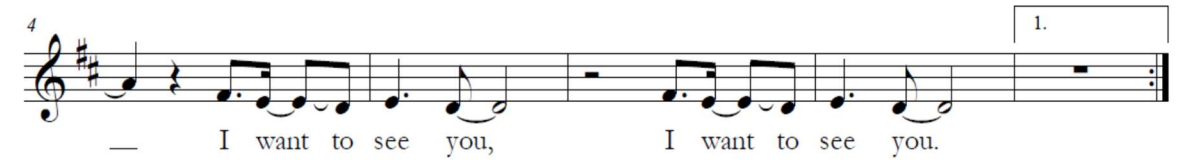
*Hymn:

Open the Eyes of my Heart

P. Baloche - music and lyrics

Refrain

Choir then add all gathered



Prayer of Concerns and Celebrations — Pastoral Prayer

The 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 “Eat This Bread” J. Berthier
Nancy Quintiliani – flute

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be -

low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heav - nly

host Cre - a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly

Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

Glorious God, as we dedicate these gifts to you, may we shine with your glory and grace. Shine through these gifts and through our very lives, that others may experience the beauty of your love and the power of your presence. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: Let Us Break Bread Together Pilgrim #288

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength you have promised to us, we thank you. Send us forth in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign NCH #300

Benediction

*Benediction Response Blessed Be the Tie that Binds (vss. 1 & 4) NCH #272

Postlude

Announcements

The enclosed envelope may be used to make a gift to the **Deacon's Fund**, assisting Woodridge family and community members with emergency needs. Thank you.

Woodridge's 75th Anniversary - Next Sunday, June 8

There is a LOT to celebrate on June 8th! Pentecost Sunday, Woodridge's 75th Anniversary, and Children's Sunday! Join us for a joyful birthday party of a worship service for our church and the Church universal as we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Worship will feature special guests, an opportunity to give thanks for our church and dedicate ourselves to its future, and kid/family friendly elements. Bring your party hats!

Pride Sunday @ Woodridge - June 15th

We will celebrate our annual Pride Sunday on Sunday, June 15th. Our worship will be a celebration of our Open and Affirming covenant and affirm that we are all created in the image of God. This is an important and visible witness for many who need to hear and be reminded that they are a beloved child of God.

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 cold months of winter: Hot instant cereal individual packs in boxes, Oatmeal, Hot soup individual packs (Lipton or store brand), Tea, and Hot chocolate. Also, there is a low supply of Peanut butter, Instant mashed potatoes, and Boxed milk, (liquid and powder).

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Steven Pennell

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

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

The flowers on the altar are given by the McNally family
in celebration of Hannah and Matt's 13th birthday.

Communion is prepared by
Debbie DiChiara and Deb Therrien

Deb Scipione is providing Coffee Hour refreshment
for today's Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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