Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational





An Open & Affirming Congregation and A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00 AM

June 08, 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 I See the Light

And at last, I see the light
And it's like the fog has lifted
And at last, I see the light
And it's like the sky is new
And it's warm and real and bright
And the world has somehow shifted

Welcome & Church Life

Centering Music

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)
Prime Time Chimers
cello soloist - Tyler Schadone

Alan Menken / Glenn Slater

Sandy Nolan – piano

Call to Worship

One: The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

All: We are children of God, heirs of grace.

One: The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

All: We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

One: The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

All: We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

One: Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

All: We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (unison)

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. On this birthday of the Church and our church, may you rush into our hearts and fill our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. Amen.

*Hymn:

On Pentecost They Gathered (vs. 1-3)

NCH #272

Sunday School Recognitions

Children's Message:

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21(NRSVUE)

Read by: Rev. Patty Kogut, ACM Southeast Region SNEUCC Kilza Lee. First Korean Church of RI

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old

men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon

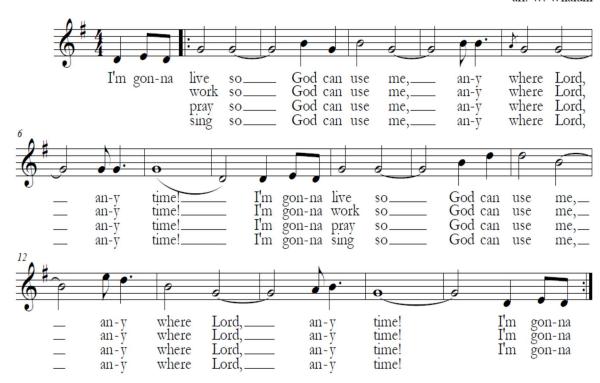
Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

75th Anniversary – Thanksgiving & Commissioning

*Hymn:

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American Spiritual arr. W. Whalum



Pastoral Prayer - Prayers of the People

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

Send Down the Fire

M. Haugen

Combined Choirs from First Korean and Woodridge Congregational UCC

Bob Ryan - percussion

*Doxology

text R. Lynn

Doxology for Pentecost

Old 100th





sa-cred worth. Whose Spir-it forms one fam-i-ly, whose grace brings peace and har-mo-ny.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love, and the glory of your holy flame, to those who are shaken by the buffeting winds all around us. Amen.

*Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1 & 4) NCH #286

Benediction Rev. Yonghwan Noh Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

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

Postlude

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Announcements

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.

The rescheduled date for the Woodridge Yard Sale is June 28, 2025.

Donations can be brought to the church and put on the stage in Fellowship Hall from June 23rd to June 27th from 9am to 1pm. *We will try again! Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.*

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).

We collect our morning offering on the way in or way out of the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute electronically, please scan the QR code below with your phone and click on the yellow "donate" button on our website. Thank you for your support of our ministry and mission



Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Woodridge Children and Youth

Ushers: Grant Southard, Marsha Southard, Bob Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Marsha Southard, Grant Southard, Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

No Coffee Hour today due to The 75th Anniversary Reception

The flowers on the altar this week are given by Martha Ryan in celebration of her husband, Bob's birthday

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