

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational



An Open & Affirming Congregation and  
A Caring & Welcoming Community

Worship at 10:00 AM    PRIDE SUNDAY    June 15, 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

Colors of the Wind

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz  
Sandy Nolan – piano

*You think the only people who are people  
Are the people who look and think like you  
But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger  
You'll learn things you never knew, you never knew*

## Welcome & Church Life

### Call to Worship

One: Source of Life, in the beginning,

**All: you made us and called us beloved.**

One: When we forget how to love,

**All: you remind us we are beloved.**

One: When the powers of the world try to oppress us,

**All: you name us beloved.**

One: When our siblings in faith condemn us,

**All: you claim us: beloved. We are your beloved, so today we sing your praises, Source of Love.**

\*Hymn:

We Are Called (vs.1)

See page A

### Prayer of Confession

Voice A: Divine Creator, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking forgiveness.

**All: We confess, O God, that we have subjected others to the kind of rejection and misunderstanding that you yourself experienced in the form of Jesus.**

Voice B: We try to control the paths of those we love, deeming them unworthy of acceptance when they veer from our expectations for how they “should” be or whom they “should” love.

Voice C: Meanwhile, in moments of doubt, we have sometimes sought approval from those who do not understand our truth instead of finding solace in the chosen family you have blessed us with.

**All: Have mercy on us, O God, when we have believed what others say about us rather than what you promise. Have mercy on us, O God, when we have caused others to doubt your love.**

Voice D: Forgive us for the moments we stand in our own way or in the way of others — dimming a God-given light, participating in the silencing of God-given voices.

Voice A: Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have allowed ego to overshadow our ability to extend solidarity and support to our most marginalized siblings.

Voice B: Help us to use whatever privilege or advantages we possess to uplift the voices of those who are vulnerable and oppressed.

Voice C: Grant us the courage to stand in solidarity with our queer and trans siblings, even when doing so puts us at risk or challenges our comfort.

**All: In times of fear and uncertainty, may we find solace in your promises, O God.**

Voice D: Even if our earthly relationships falter, you remain steadfast in your love for us. Strengthen us with the knowledge that you will always take us in and hold us close, especially when we feel alone or misunderstood by those we hold dear.

**All: Help us, O God, to live authentically and boldly as the children you created us to be.**

Voice A: Give us courage to trust our belovedness even in a world that Sometimes threatens to snuff out the life that has been breathed into us by God.

Voice B: Strengthen us to embody your love and courage in all that we do.

Voice C: Guide us to walk humbly, act justly, and extend grace and mercy to all whom we encounter.

**All: May our lives be a reflection of your boundless love and embrace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn:

We Are Called (vs. 2 & 3)

[See page A](#)

Scripture:

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18<sub>(NRSVUE)</sub>

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27<sub>(NRSVUE)</sub>

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the

feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Reflections Frank Toti and Steven Pennell; Kevin Wollschlager and Roy Drew; Deb Moretti; El McDowell.

\*Hymn: All Are Welcome (Let Us Build a House) (vs 1, 4, 5) See page B

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 For All the Children D. Lohman  
Woodridge Choir

\*Doxology

text R. Lynn

Doxology for Humanity

Old 100th

Praise life that makes us change and grow, Praise love that makes com - pas-sion flow, Praise peace that ends all strife and fear, Praise hands that work for jus-tice here.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Holy God, you have gifted us with so much. We lay these gifts before you with hope for a better world where your image is honored in each person. Use them for the building of your kin-dom, and give us courage to dream of that day. In the name of the Beloved we pray, amen.**

\*Hymn: They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (vs. 1-3) See page C

Benediction

Benediction Response

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

Mark A. Miller

chorus Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No-one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song; No-one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

Postlude

True Colors Billy Steinberg  
Sandy Nolan - piano

## Announcements

**Beverage on the Terrace** begins today, 06/22/25. 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.

**Woodridge Church Yard Sale** Saturday, June 28, 2025 8 AM – 2 PM  
Clean out your closets, basements and attics! Bring in your items for the yard sale and leave them on the stage in Fellowship Hall the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm. Large items can be picked up. Volunteers are needed to help during the yard sale. Please call Grant Southard (822-0799) or Rick Therrien (463-6343) with any questions.

**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).

**The Grief Support Group** Meets Thursday afternoons, 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Conference Room of the church. Access is via the Jackson Road entrance. This gathering is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at [bbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org](mailto:bbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org)

**Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 6-9PM. Cost is \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: [RPloettner@Gmail.com](mailto:RPloettner@Gmail.com)

## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deb Moretti

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

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

Our first Beverage on the Terrace for the summer  
is provided by Nancy & Bob Quintiliani

The flowers on the altar this week are given by  
Eric Van Dervort in celebration of Pride Sunday and  
Woodridge Church's commitment to be open and affirming and welcoming  
to all, wherever you are on life's journey.

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