

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

June 7, 2026

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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 Music

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: We come today as people who have been asking questions.

All: And as people who have been receiving answers.

One: We come as those who have been learning,

All: learning what this bread means, what this cup holds, what this table is for.

One: We come following the faithful people before us who asked these same questions, who gathered at this same table.

All: We come to take our place in that long and holy story.

One: So we gather. We draw near. We open our hands and our hearts.

All: Thanks be to God, who always meets us here.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always understand what you offer us. We come to this table again and again, and still we forget what it means. We let the bread become ordinary. We let the cup become routine. We receive your grace and walk away unchanged. And yet — we are here. We are here because something in us still hungers. Something in us still leans toward this bread, this cup, this story. Something in us still believes that when we gather in your name, you are somehow present in our midst. Meet us here, God. Meet us in our forgetting, and help us remember. Meet us in our smallness, and make us generous. Meet us in our hunger, and feed us with grace. Amen.

A Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news: the table was never set for the perfect. It was set for the hungry. It was set for us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

*Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together NCH #330

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:20-25^{NRSVUE}

²⁰ “When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ ²¹ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²² The LORD displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. ²³ He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴ Then the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. ²⁵ If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

A Word of Reflection: Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley & Laura Dillon

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26^{NRSVUE}

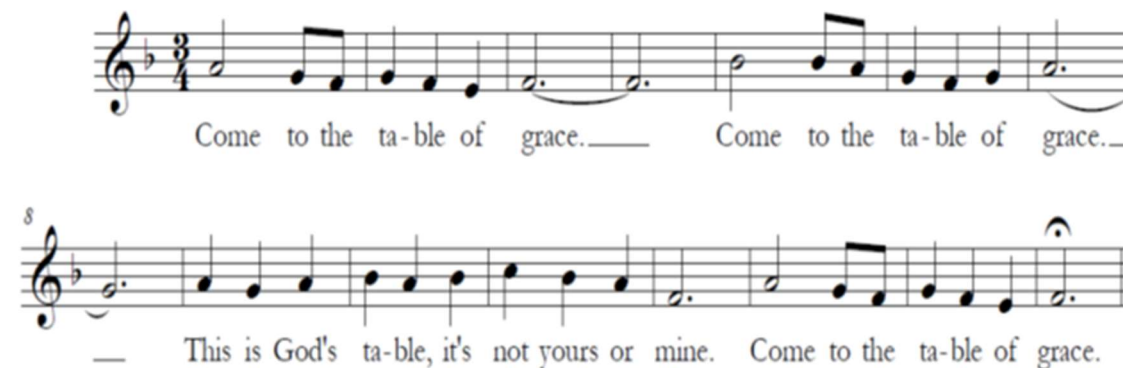
²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

A Word of Reflection: Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm



- 2. Come to the table of peace
- 3. Come to the table of love
- 4. Come to the table of hope

Pastoral Prayer — Prayers of Concern and Celebration

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 We Need a Meeting with the Lord Robert Nagel
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

*Doxology

Give Thanks

based upon Luke 1:49-53

H. Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly one give
 thanks__ be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks!_____ Give thanks!

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of abundance and love, bless these gifts, and bless our lives with your abundance and your love. In all that we have and in all that we are, may we bless and honor you and your beloved world. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation

Eat This Bread

J. Berthier

sing 3x

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Bread and Cup*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, we have received what has been handed down to us through the ages. May we carry it well. May we live it fully. May we one day pass it on to those who will ask the questions after us. Thank you for this table. Thank you for this community. Thank you for these children who wanted to understand — and for your love that always meets us right where we are. Amen.

*Hymn:

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Benediction

*Benediction Response

Draw the Circle

see insert

Postlude

10,000 Reasons (continuation)

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Announcements

Worshipping with children/youth or new to our church? Welcome! Scan this QR code to find our Child and Family Information page to learn about things like worship resources, Sunday School/nursery, and where to find bathrooms and changing tables.



Woodridge Ladies All Generations Tea join us for an afternoon of fellowship as your clan's generations come together to celebrate each other on Saturday Jun 13, 2026 at 3pm in Woodridge Church Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. See Deb DiChiara, Deb Scipione, Barbara Stifano or Courtney Lombardi for more information. Bring someone who is special to you. See you there!!!

Fellowship for the Men of Woodridge If you are interested in an evening of Fellowship, Food, and Fun with your friends at Woodridge, let us, (Membership and Fellowship Team) know. (Deb Scipione, Courtney Lombardi, Deb DiChiara, Jay Bombardier or Barbara Stifano) So far we have Card Night, Corn Hole or Trivia for ideas. If you have an idea or a place that has one of these let us know that too.

Invitation to sign up to volunteer at our Woodridge booth at Pride Fest on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 10am to 6pm. See Pastor Aidan or Steven Pennell for details.

Save the Date for the Woodridge Wine Tasting to be held on September 13, 2026. It's been quite a while since we had this event. For those of you remember, I'm sure you can't wait. For those of you who never participated, you are in for a real treat. Details on where and what time to follow.

Woodridge Yard Sale Due to scheduling conflicts in the month of June, the date projected for the yard sale will be September 12, 2026.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Carmen Steinbrecher

Ushers: Grant Southard, Larry Celani,
Robert Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Grant Southard, Ellen Hunt,
Bob Cole, Larry Celani

The flowers on the altar this week are provided by
Rachel & Mike McNally
In celebration of Hannah and Matt's 14th birthdays

Communion is provided and prepared by
Courtney Lombardi & Mike Corey

Refreshment in Fellowship Hall following service
is provided by
Lynne Sullivan and Lou Beneduce

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