

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

March 2, 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

"Sois la Semilla " (You Are the Seed)

Cesareo Gabarain, 1979  
Prime Time Chimers

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

One: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit in awe at God's greatness?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

One: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

One: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

**All: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of your glory and power. Strengthen our courage, that we might look upon your love and stop shrinking away in fear. Embolden us to trust your grace, no matter how grave our transgressions or ashamed our hearts may be. Shine upon us with your mercy, that we may shine for all to see. Grant us confidence in both your grace and abundant love. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn:

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Scripture:

Psalm 99(NRSV)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! <sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup>Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

Luke 9:28-36(NRSV)

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn:

Transform Us

S. Dunstan

traditional French melody

Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on  
 Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those  
 Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -

5  
 Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sac - cred  
 ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the  
 in a - shrine. Keep us from our great temp -

9  
 moun - tains, search us with re - veal - ing light.  
 wit - ness of those saints whose work is done,  
 ta - tion time and truth we quick - ly bind.

13  
 Lift us from where we have fall - en,  
 live in this world as your Bod - y,  
 Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways,

17  
 full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
 cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.  
 where our love is not con - fined.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — Pastoral Prayer

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

Here I Am, Lord

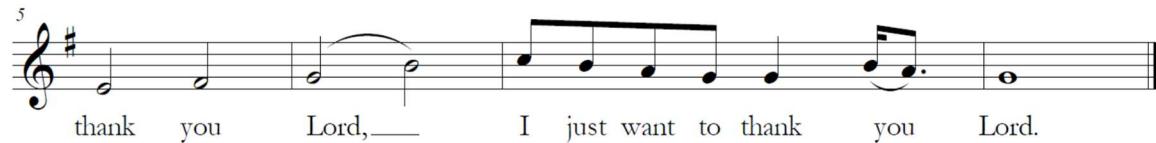
D. Schutte  
Woodridge Choir

\*Doxology

Thank You, Lord

African American Melody

sing 2x



Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

**Glorious God, shine through this offering we now return to you. May our gifts and our very lives bless your world and reveal your love. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation: Here, O My Lord, I see you Face to Face (1-3) Pilgrim #336

Holy Communion

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**O God of life and glory, on the Mountain of Transfiguration you revealed your light within your Son Jesus Christ. As he was drawn into the brilliance of your presence, so we have been drawn into the wonder of your presence here among us as we received the bread which he offers, the cup which he pours. Nourish us and send us forth in the power of your Spirit to live faithfully as your beloved children, we pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

\*Hymn:

I Come with Joy (1, 4 & 5)

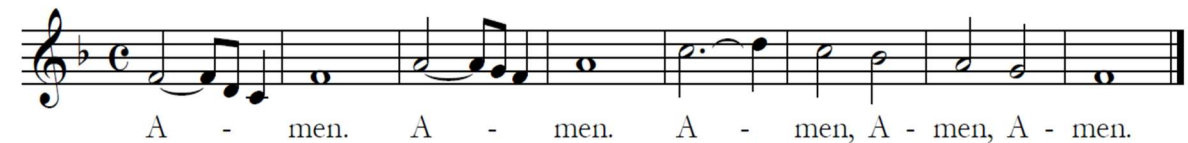
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Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Amen

African American Spiritual



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.

**Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025 Service at 7pm** Join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season for our Ash Wednesday. We will worship alongside our friends at the First Korean Church of RI as we receive ashes as a reminder of our mortality and celebrate the sacred meal of Communion.

**Lenten Small Group : “Follow Jesus” from “Follow Me” : Biblical Practices for Faithful Living**

You are invited to join an adult (teens and young adults welcome as well!) Lenten study group as we explore what it means to “follow Jesus” as a practice of our faith. We will gather over a series of four one-hour sessions to learn about this practice of faith: finding the practice in the bible, finding the practice then and now, and practicing the practice. We will meet following worship at 10:45 AM in the Music Room on Sunday, March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

**Irish Italian Potluck** March 15, 2025 Fellowship Hall. It's a throw back Potluck. Bring family bring friends. Bring your dishes and utensils. Bring your food. We supply the beverages. Set your table. Wear your best Irish or Italian garb and enjoy a night of great food, friends and family. We weren't dubbed “FOODRIDGE” for nothing.

**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 are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team!** If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan ([bobby.ryan@verizon.net](mailto:bobby.ryan@verizon.net)) or Jay Bombardier ([firebombjr@gmail.com](mailto:firebombjr@gmail.com)) or see him at church). Thank you very much!

## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Barbara Gloria

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher,  
Sharon Albert, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher,  
John Chin, Rebecca Rotondo

Communion is prepared by  
Mike Corey and Deborah Therrien

Stewardship, Buildings & Grounds  
are supplying coffee and pastry  
for the month of March

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