

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 04, 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

“Leia’s Theme” from Star Wars

John Williams (1977)  
Prime Time Chimers

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

**All: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.**

One: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

**All: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.**

One: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

**All: To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray as we worship this day.**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, help us leave ignorance behind, as we learn to love as you would have us love. Heal our vision when false piety blinds us, as Saul before us. Rescue us when we go astray, and renew our desire to feed Christ’s sheep and tend to his lambs. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn:

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Pilgrim #43

Scripture

Psalm 30 NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Scripture:

John 21: 15-19 NRSVUE

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

Hymn:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

NCH #498

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

Choir sings first time  
then all gathered

One Bread, One Body

J.B. Foley

refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

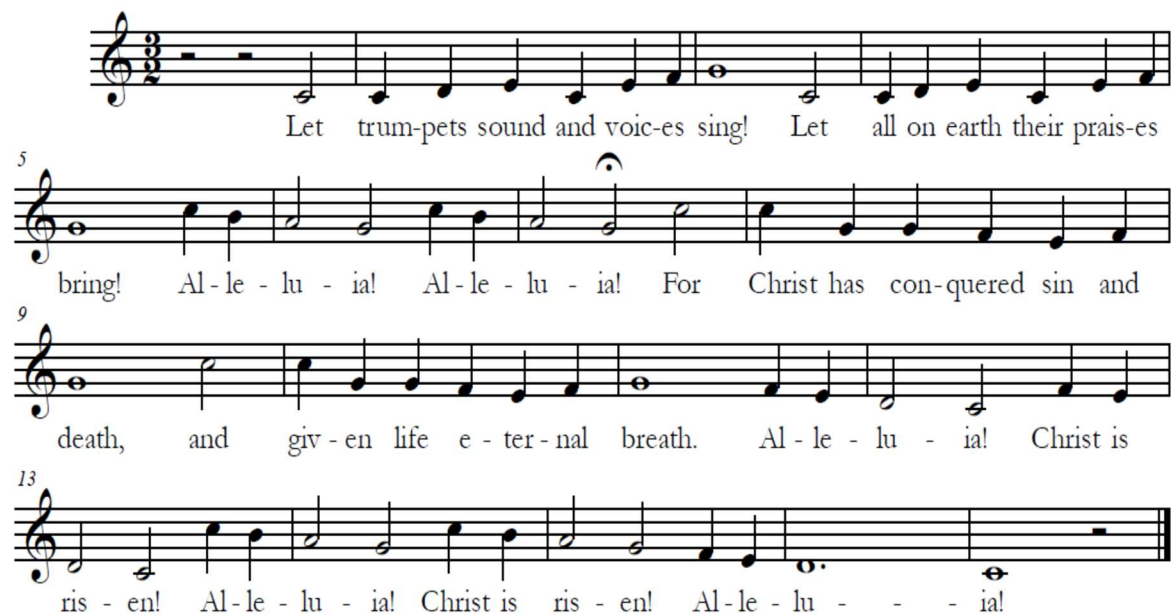
5 one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many

11 through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

verses 1, 2 and 3 - choir

\*Doxology

Doxology for Easter



Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises  
bring! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! For Christ has conquered sin and  
death, and given life eternal breath. Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is  
ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

**Great Spirit, receive the gifts from our hands this day. For you rescue us from ourselves and free us to love others, as you have loved us. We offer you our gratitude for the joy that comes in the morning. Accept this offering, as a sign of our commitment, to tend your sheep and feed your lambs. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation: As We Gather at Your Table (vs. 1 & 3) NCH #332

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, who sees through the gloom of our fears and the shades of our doubts, we seek today to see Christ among us here, at the table where he gathers all who hunger and thirst for new life. Today we proclaim our faith anew in Jesus, and look to you for a deeper understanding of how we are to live as people of faith. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we may know Christ afresh, and be revived to serve him not only with our lips, but with our lives. Amen.**


\*Hymn: Blessed Assurance NCH #473

Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Caribbean melody

Sing Verses 1 and 2  
and repeat verse 1



1. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le lu - jah! Hal - le, Hal - le Hal - le lu -  
2. Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Hal - le lu! Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Hal - le -  
jah! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! \_\_\_\_\_  
lu! Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Hal - le - lu! Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**New Member Sunday will be May 18<sup>th</sup>** If you are new to the church or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member of Woodridge, join Pastor Aidan for a brief information session today, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the Music Room.

**The Annual Stamp Farm Plant Sale** will be held on Sunday, May 18, from 9am to 5pm. They are located at 219 Comstock Parkway, and offer a wide selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and hanging baskets. Be sure to mention "**Woodridge Church**" when you pay so that a portion of the proceeds will go to Woodridge Church.

*If you need more information, feel free to ask Deb Therrien.*

**Woodridge Church Yard Sale**      *Saturday, May 31      8 AM – 2 PM*  
Clean out your closets, basements and attics! Starting May 18, bring in your items for the yard sale and leave them on the stage in Fellowship Hall or in the janitor's room (basement). 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.

**Woodridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Mark your Calendars June 8, 2025. It will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship

**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: Deb DiChiara

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

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Laura and Tom Dillon  
In celebration of their daughter, Lily's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Communion is prepared by  
Courtney Lombardi and Barbara Stifano

Membership and Fellowship Team is providing coffee,  
juice, and snacks for the month of May,

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