

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



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

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May 10, 2026

Worship at 10:00 AM



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    Indescribable with Morning Has Broken    arr. Carol Linquist  
Sandy Nolan - Piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Gather us in, O God.

**All:    Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

One: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**All:    From suffering and pain, save us.**

One: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**All:    On the highways of life, guide us.**

One: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**All:    As we worship this day, lead us home.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

\*Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

Pilgrim #29

Scripture: John 14: 15-21<sub>CEB</sub>

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. <sup>18</sup> “I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Children’s Message

Sending Music: Go My Children with my Blessing (vs 1) NCH #82

Passing of the Peace

Scripture: John 14:15-21<sub>NRSVUE</sub>

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn: Spirit of the Living God (2x) NCH #283

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 Spirit Song John Wimber  
Sandy Nolan - piano  
Woodridge Choir

\*Doxology Doxology (Old 100th) NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, every good thing is from you. You abide with us and sustain us. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to you now, that they may bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.**

## Announcements

\*Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling NCH #43

### Benediction

\*Benediction Response God Be with You till We Meet Again (vs1) Pilgrim #62

Postlude Sonatina No. 1, In G Ludwig van Beethoven  
Sandy Nolan - piano

**If you are considering being a member** at Woodridge Congregational Church a New Member Info Session will be held on Sunday, May 17th with New Member Sunday to follow on Sunday, May 24th. See Pastor Aidan for details and questions.

**Worshiping 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/changing tables.



**The Annual Stamp Farm Plant Sale** will be held on *Sunday, May 17, 2026* 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.*

**Dine for Donations** has another restaurant for us to enjoy an evening out with family and friends. Flyers are in the Narthex for Greggs Restaurant at 1359 Post Rd, Warwick, RI 02888 for *Wednesday May 27, 2026* (Valid for Dine in or Takeout). See you there!!!

**Bobby Jo Valentine** Heart – opening, award winning folk/pop *Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm* “Catchy songs with intelligent, thoughtful lyrics, in the tradition of Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, and Bruce Hornsby.” – Stephen Schwartz, Tony award-winning creator of *Godspell, Wicked, and Pippin.*

**Woodridge Ladies All Generations Tea** join us for an afternoon of fellowship as grandmothers, mothers, daughters, nieces, godmothers, goddaughters, sisters, cousins and friends 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. See you there!!!

## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Mike Corey

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

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

Flowers on the altar this week are given by  
The Villaverde Family  
In celebration of May birthdays

*As today is Mother's Day  
There is no coffee hour in Fellowship Hall*

### **Our Staff:**

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*Lord, I think you might have had the flowers of the field in mind*

*when you created Mothers of every kind*

*Some bright and bold*

*Others soft and waiting to behold*

*Some little, even smaller than me*

*Others as tall as can be*

*Each with their own individual scent*

*I think I know what your gift meant*

*You gave to Mothers their own beauty, style, character and way*

*To celebrate, cherish and love everyday*

*Thank you, Lord, for all our Mother's*

*They, are the flowers of our lives*

Happy Mother's Day to all celebrating present and passed