

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 11, 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

Angel's Serenade

Gaetano Braga
Sandy Nolan – organ

Welcome & Church Life

Centering Music

To God Be the Glory

L. Sue
Woodridge Chimes

Call to Worship

One: The God of love and grace invites us in.

All: Blessed be the God of love!

One: The God of power and might welcomes us here.

All: Glory to God on high!

One: The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

All: Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

*Hymn:

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

NCH #175

Scripture:

Psalm 23^(NSRVUE)

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

*Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1) NCH #82

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43(NRSVUE)

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: God Made from One Blood NCH #427

Prayer of 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

Day by Day

S. Schwartz
Woodridge Choir

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be -
 low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heav - nly
 host Cre - a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly
 Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises NCH #238

Benediction

*Benediction Response Peace I Leave with You, My Friends (vs.1) NCH #249

Postlude Themes from Sonatas in C and G Wolfgang Amadeus
Sandy Nolan - organ

May Faith and Film -- Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30 PM : "Rogue One"

Join your friends from Woodridge as we explore aspects of our faith through the storytelling of film. We'll join together on Zoom this Tuesday at 6:30 PM to discuss the 2016 movie "Rogue One" in honor of May the 4th and Star Wars Day. Watch the movie with your loved ones and join us for conversation on Zoom. You can find a clickable Zoom link in this week's Word email or join us by using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yffsfa94>

New Member Sunday will be May 18th Followed by a celebration with coffee and cake in Fellowship Hall.

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 75th 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: Dakota Handrich

Ushers: Grant Southard, Marsha Southard,
Bob Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Marsha Southard, Grant Southard,
Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

No Coffee Hour today (Mom's Day off)

The flowers on the altar this week are given by
Carol & Ken Kinoian as they honor and celebrate
their family

Our Staff:

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*We ask, Lord, for Your special touch
upon every mother who is present here today*

and those who could not be with us.

Bless them abundantly,

and may the work of their hands

be forever cherished in Your sight.

Grant each mother strength, patience,

and endless love as they nurture and guide their families.

Happy Mother's Day