

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 17, 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*

Prelude: Reach Out & Touch Charles Brown  
Shyanne Slinko – piano

Gathering Music: Bless God, O My Soul Russell E. Sonafrank  
and Stephen J. Morris (1987)  
Prime Time Chimers

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: When the world divides us:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

One: When the world calls us orphaned:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

One: When the world leads us astray:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this place!**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, and open our lives to the fullness of your power on high. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.**

\*Hymn: God, When I Came into This Life NCH #354

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### Passing of the Peace

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23<sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Confirmation Reflections: Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley & Confirmands  
(Lily Dillon, Makenzie Rego, Tyler Schadone)

\*Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love NCH #498

### 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.

### Rite of Confirmation

Invitation  
Questions of the Candidates  
Affirmation of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

### Prayer of the Congregation

**Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness towards all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**



Benediction

\*Benediction Response:

Postlude

Shine Jesus Shine medley

Graham Kendrick  
Shyanne Slinko - piano

**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/changing tables.



**The Annual Stamp Farm Plant Sale** will be held today, 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** flyers for Greggs in Warwick on 05/27/2026 are in the Narthex

**Mental Health Awareness Sunday** is May 31, 2026. We will have Rev. Bekah Anderson as our guest speaker

**Bobby Jo Valentine** *“Free”* heart – opening, award winning folk/pop music concert in the tradition of Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, and Bruce Hornsby. June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Good will donations will be accepted at the door with a portion of proceeds going to Youth Pride RI

**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. See you there!!!

**Worship Ministers for Today’s Service**

Liturgists: Lily Dillon, Makenzie Rego, Tyler Schadone

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,  
Rebecca Rotondo, Carmen Steinbrecher

Stewards: Gale MacDonald, Dianne Cavanaugh,  
Eileen Phaneuf, Deb DiChiara

A celebration with cake, juice and coffee honoring the Confirmands,  
Makenzie Rego, Lily Dillon and Tyler Schadone  
Following worship in Fellowship Hall  
Is provided by the Membership and Fellowship Team

The flowers on the altar this week are given by  
Carol and Ken Kinoian  
In celebration of their daughter’s birthdays

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