

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 24, 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

Come Holy Spirit Sequence

(no author noted)
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

- One: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
- One: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
- One: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
- One: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?
- All: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit, power of God, come and fill us with your strength. May your Spirit touch each of us. Gather us with our different gifts into one community. Give us eyes to see your work. May the winds of the Spirit blow away our fears, and fill us with power. Open our hearts, that we may welcome everyone. Amen.

*Hymn:

On Pentecost They Gathered

NCH #272

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-8NRSVUE

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Reception of New Members: Affirmation of Baptism

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

ALL: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

One: Let us read together the Woodridge Congregational Church covenant as found in our Constitution:

ALL: We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God and to walk together in the ways of the Lord made known to us. We believe it is our mission to proclaim our Christian faith by word and action throughout the world; to promote justice and equality for all; to work and to pray for peace; and to strive to eliminate war, poverty, and ignorance, helping our fellow human beings aspire to and achieve a way of life suitable to children of God.

One: Let us, the members of Woodridge Congregational Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.

Passing of the Peace

(children may leave for Sunday School)

Scripture:

Acts 2:9-21NRSVUE

9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

Hymn:

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

NCH #293

*Hymn:

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NCH #391

Benediction

Pastoral Prayer — Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

*Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again (vs1) Pilgrim #62

Lord's Prayer

Postlude

God So Loved the World

John Stainer
Shyanne Slinko

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.

Anthem

Pentecostal Power

Chas Gabriel
Shyanne Slinko - piano
Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy one, you create all that is. Your breath sustains every living thing. In your creation, we see your love of diversity. In our community, we celebrate the multitude of Spirit-filled gifts. Grateful for your care, we bring these gifts. May they spread your love to all people. Amen.

Announcements

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 and changing tables.



Dine for Donations flyers for Greggs Restaurant 1359 Post Road Warwick on Wednesday 05/27/2026 are in the Narthex. This is for Dine in or Take out.

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 5th @ 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!!!

Fellowship for the Men of Woodridge If you are interested in an evening of Fellowship, Food, and Fun with your friends at Woodridge, let us, (Membership and Fellowship Team) know. (Deb Scipione, Courtney Lombardi, Deb DiChiara, Jay Bombardier or Barbara Stifano) So far we have Card Night, Corn Hole or Trivia for ideas. If you have an idea or a place that has one of these let us know that too.

Worship Ministers for Today’s Service

Liturgist: Deb Therrien

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

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

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by
Deb & Rick Therrien
in memory of loved ones

Coffee, Juice, and snacks in Fellowship Hall
following Worship are provided by
Membership & Fellowship Team

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