

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 25, 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

Song of the Lark Op. 89, No.22

P. Tchailovsky  
Sandy Nolan - organ

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Sing and shout for joy.

**All: God's light shines upon us.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

**All: Let us worship the Lord.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, showing us possibilities beyond our waking reality. Open our hearts this day, that we might understand Christ's teaching and share his presence with others. Guide our footsteps on our journeys, that we might go where you send us and share your message of love and peace with the world. Amen.**

\*Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 1,3,4)

NCH #277

Scripture:

Psalms 67 (NRSVUE)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; Let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## Children's Message

Scripture: John 14:22-29 (NRSVUE)

Sermon

\*Hymn: Come Forth, O Love Divine NCH #289

## 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 Hymn:

## Let There Be Peace On Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Miller

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me;\_\_\_\_\_

9  
Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be.\_\_\_\_\_ \*With God

18  
our cre - a - tor,\_\_\_\_\_ chil - dren all are we.\_\_\_\_\_ Let us walk with each

27  
oth - er\_\_\_\_\_ in per - fect har - mo - ny.\_\_\_\_\_ Let peace be - gin with

36  
me, let this be the mo - ment now.\_\_\_\_\_ With ev - 'ry step I take let

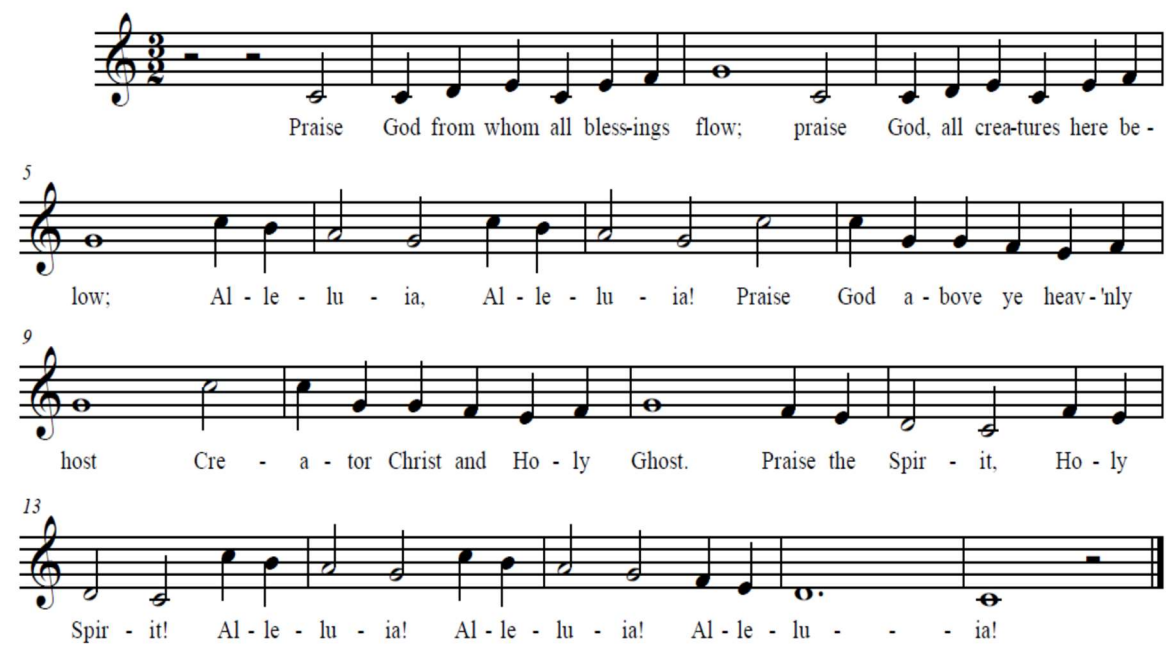
45  
this be my sol - emn vow:\_\_\_\_\_ To take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in

53  
peace e - ter - nal - ly.\_\_\_\_\_ Let there be peace on

60  
earth, and let it be - gin with me.

\*Doxology

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures 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)

Receive our praise, O God, for the bounty of your love. You cause the earth to yield food to satisfy the hungry. You send rain upon the earth to give drink to the thirsty. You shine light into our darkness to show us the way. Bless the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with your love. Amen.

\*Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (vs 1-3) NCH #436

Benediction

\*Benediction Response Peace I Leave with You My Friends (vs. 3) NCH #249

Postlude Carnival of Venice Arr. by Luis Jorda  
Sandy Nolan - organ

Announcements

**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).

**RI Association UCC Spring Gathering -- Saturday, May 31 -- 10 am - Noon -- Newman Congregational Church**  
Join Pastor Aidan to represent Woodridge for some fellowship and learning as our RI Association is joined by Rev. Vanessa Cardinale, Associate Director of the Center for Transformational Leadership, and Jeremy Langill, Executive Minister of the RI State Council of Churches. If you'd like to join Pastor Aidan, let him know!

## **Worship Ministers for Today's Service**

Liturgist: Carmen Steinbrecher

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

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

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Nancy and Bob Quintiliani  
In remembrance of Memorial Day, to honor those that fought  
and gave their lives for our country.

There is no coffee hour today

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