

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 3, 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*

Gathering Music

Amazing Grace with
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan - piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

All: Christ has called us here.

One: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

All: God is with us here.

One: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

All: May the Spirit guide our way.

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

Mighty God, we want to be brave, but it's tempting to be small and afraid. Lift us up when we fall down. Protect us from our own doubts and fears. Shine your face upon us with mercy and grace, that we might find the courage and strength to be steadfast and faithful, loving and righteous. Be our strong foundation, so that we may grow up as your household, your family, and your people of justice, love, and mercy. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation

NCH #386

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

John 14:1-14^{NRSVUE}

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

Nothing Can Trouble (Taizé)

NCH #772

Pastoral Prayer — Prayers of Concern and Celebration

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

Behold The Lamb

Kristyn Lennox Getty,

Keith Getty, and Stuart Townsend

Arr. David Bruce Murray

Sandy Nolan – piano

Woodridge Choir

Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of steadfast faithfulness and love, bless these gifts, that they may bring your message of faith and love to the world. Bless us also, that we may be steadfast and true in our giving and in our living. Build our church, build us, and build your world into a household of love and justice—the household you’ve envisioned since the beginning of time. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

The Time Was Early Evening

NCH #344

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Bread and Cup*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, in the presence of God. We give thanks for this sacred meal where you have met us through broken bread and shared cup. So that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. Amen

*Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation NCH #400

Benediction

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

Postlude Allegro K.12 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Sandy Nolan - piano

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.



A Walk to Connect with each other and nature. May 9, 2026 @ 10 am (1 hour). Queens River Preserve, 40 School Landwoods Rd. Exeter, RI 02822. Dogs must be leashed, and dress appropriately for tics.

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.*

Bobby Jo Valentine Heart – opening, award winning folk/pop June 5th @ 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 and friends Come together to celebrate each other on Saturday Jun 13, 2026 3pm in Woodridge Church Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. See Deb DiChiara, Deb Scipione or Barbara Stifano for more information. See you there!!!

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Guest Musician: Sandy Nolan

Liturgist: Barbara Gloria

Ushers: Deb Scipione, Lou Beneduce,
Eileen Phaneuf, Richard Jordan

Stewards: Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani,
Richard Therrien, Deborah Therrien

Communion is provided and prepared by
Dianne Cavanaugh and Barbara Stifano

Coffee, juice and snacks in Fellowship Hall following worship
are supplied by
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