

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

May 31, 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

To Where You Are

Josh Groban
Shyanne Slinko - piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

(by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund)

One: God invites us to co-create communities of radical belonging for all.

All: We are creating communities of radical belonging for people living with mental health challenges, conditions, and illness and their loved ones.

One: Jesus shows us how to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: We are loving our neighbors who experience mental health conditions, challenges, and illness and their loved ones. We are loving ourselves no matter where we are on the spectrum of mental wellness today.

One: The Spirit empowers us to create communities of radical belonging for people with brain diseases and disorders, and people living with substance use and addictions and their loved ones.

All: We are co-creating with God communities of radical belonging and love for everyone. May our worship inspire and empower us for the journey.

Opening Prayer (unison)

(by Dr. Tom Reynolds)

One: O God, come into our place of worship this day and enliven us.

All: Come into each heart, each story, each prayer, each song, each life here today so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and beauty.

One: O God, who has created each of us in your image and made us one body, each as holy vessels of your presence to one another, create in and among us a holy place.

All: Give us hearts and minds, we pray, to be open to human vulnerability, to listen to each other with patient and thoughtful attention and support. to perceive the grace of the differences in our embodied experience, to resist what excludes and diminishes, and to dismantle what acts as barriers to flourishing together in love and justice.

One: O God, help us to trust your Spirit's work to make us whole, together in relationships of mutuality and partnership, in sacred rhythms of giving and receiving.

All: Gather us together to be your people in the world.

One: In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

*Hymn:

Come and Find the Quiet Center

traditional American melo-
dies
arr. J. Shrad



Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we
is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing touch - es
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el cel - e - brate the space we



freed, clear the cha - os and the clut - ter clear our
base, mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing
gain, there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a



eyes, that we can see all the things that real ly
shades to show the sun, rais - ing cour - age when we're
time for heart to care, in the Spir - it's live - ly



mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be. Si - lence
shrink - ing find - ing scope for faith be - gun. In the
schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

Scripture:

Psalms 23^{NRSVUE}

The 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.

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

No Sunday School this week

Scripture:

John 21:1-19^{NRSVUE}

²¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sermon Rev. Bekah Maren Anderson

*Hymn: Help Us Accept Each Other NCH #388

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.

Anthem Share His Love (From Reaching People) William Reynolds
Shyanne Slinko – piano
Woodridge Choir

Doxology Doxology (Old 100th) NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)
(by Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith)

May these gifts help to build the community of radical belonging that we hope to create. May they be a legacy of justice, hope, faith and most importantly love. Amen.

*Hymn: Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? NCH #539

Benediction
(Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe)

One: The One who created all that is calls us by name and invites us into a life of abundant Love.

All: We go out into the world as God's beloved people, bringing Holy Love to all whom we meet.

One: Jesus taught us to love one another as fiercely and freely as God loves each of us, with the power that binds us together as the Body of Christ.

All: We will embody Christ by shattering stigma and welcoming all, leaving no one outside.

One: The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life and urges us to imagine anew how to be Church in the world today.

All: We will breathe deeply and move beyond what has been and what is. We will follow the Spirit and bring hope and healing to all who live in despair and brokenness. We will be the Church! Amen.

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

Postlude God Will Take Care of You (medley) Civilla Martin
Shyanne Slinko - piano

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.



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. Bring someone who is special to you. 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.

Invitation to sign up to volunteer at our Woodridge booth at Pride Fest on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 10am to 6pm. See Pastor Aidan or Steven Pennell for Details.

Save the Date for the Woodridge Wine Tasting to be held on September 13, 2026. It’s been quite a while since we had this event. For those of you remember, I’m sure you can’t wait. For those of you who never participated, you are in for a real treat. Details on where and what time to follow.

Worship Ministers for Today’s Service

Liturgist: Jay Bombardier

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

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

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

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