

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

November 2, 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

Down by the Riverside

African American spiritual
arr. Lennie Niehaus
RI Sax Quartet

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: On this All Saints' Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

All: We give thanks!

One: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

All: We give thanks!

One: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

All: We give thanks!

One: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

All: We give thanks!

One: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

All: We give thanks!

One: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

All: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn:

Come Now, Almighty God

NCH #275

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13:8-13^{NRSVUE}

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Meditation

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

Time of Remembrance:

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*Hymn:

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

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.

Offertory

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Rick Hirsch
RI Sax Quartet

*Doxology

NCH #779

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

Holy God, you knit us together, threading our lives to the generations before us and the generations after us. May these gifts be used to continue the work our ancestors began and to build on what we are doing now. Into your hands, we entrust these gifts so that our unfinished work will one day be complete. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

As We Gather at Your Table (vss. 1,3)

NCH #332

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
 Invitation to the Table
 Prayer of Consecration
 Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy God, every time we come to this Table, we look for you. We come looking for welcome, looking for reasons to hope. And just as you promised, you have met us here. As we go from this place, may we remember what it felt like to be welcomed to your Table, and may we welcome others with that same warmth. May we remember what it felt like to have a meal where all were fed, and may we work for a world where none are hungry. May we remember what it felt like to draw closer to you, and may we continually seek you out with all that we do. Amen.

*Hymn:

For All the Saints

NCH #299

Benediction

Benediction Response:

Go Now in Peace437

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Keyboard, handbells,
and/or Orff instruments

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

Fine
(☺)

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional
arr. Lennie Niehaus
RI Sax Quartet

* Members of the Rhode Island Saxophone Quartet (RISQ)

David Neves, soprano and alto sax

Joyce Harrington, alto sax

Dan Pedro, tenor sax

Martha Ryan, baritone sax

Announcements

The enclosed envelope may be used to make a gift to the **Deacon's Fund**, assisting Woodridge family and community members with emergency needs. Thank you.

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.



The Holiday Bazaar is next Saturday. Bring your donations for the Woodridge Holiday Bazaar's *TIMELESS TREASURES* room! We are seeking new, like-new and clean very gently used articles. Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall beginning October 5. The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 2.

Thank you very much! Your wonderful donations are key to our success!! Any questions, please see Martha Ryan, marthajsryan@verizon.net or Carmen Steinbrecher, crburney814.cs@gmail.com.

Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for all the ways in which you can help. For example:

Thrs. 11-06-25	Table Set UP
Fri. 11-07-25	Decorating
Sat. 11/08/25	Servers, Greeters, Bussers, Lunch Cashier, Pastry Table, Other Table Rotation, Clean Up, etc.

*More hands make for lighter work.
Your helping ensures the success of our biggest yearly Fund-Raising Event.*

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Jay Bombadier

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Martha Ryan,
Lori-Jo Wahl, Lenny Wahl

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

The flowers on the altar this week are given by
Deb DiChiara in loving memory of her Dad, Kenneth Read

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