

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

November 16, 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

The Swan

Camille Saint-Saens
Arr. Henry Levine
Sandy Nolan - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: God has promised a new heavens and new earth.

All: There, the former things are forgotten and all things are made new.

One: In God's promised world, there is hope for justice and peace among all peoples.

All: May our eyes be opened to the promised future as we celebrate God's faithful presence with us this day.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks. You bring us strength, when we feel weak; courage, when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our being with your grace. You protect our lives. In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace perish in our souls. Amen.

*Hymn:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

NCH #31

Psalter

Psalms 98

NCH #686

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

*Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1) NCH# 82
(Children may leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25NRSVUE

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: We Shall Overcome (vss. 1,4,6) NCH #570

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 Open Our Eyes traditional Irish Melody
Arr. Mark Hayes
Bob Ryan - Flugelhorn

*Doxology Give Thanks
based upon Luke 1:49-53 H. Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly one give
thanks__ be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich be-cause of
what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks! Give thanks!

Gracious God, you have given us new heavens and a new earth. You bless us with new life and presence, more than ever before. So, let us build and share our homes. Let us plant gardens and offer the fruit to those who hunger. We offer our gifts to you and to all your people. For then shall we too be fed—in body and in spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Go Now in Peace 437

Postlude Two Minuets Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Sandy Nolan - organ

Announcements

Worshipping 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.



Poinsettia order forms are available for anyone wanting to order flowers for the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve services. See Carmen Steinbrecher for forms in the Narthex following worship.

Recycling Right... join us in Fellowship Hall following Coffee Hour and obtain info on just how to “Recycle Right” Sunday, 11-16-25 at 11:30.

The Grief Support Group Meets Thursday afternoons, 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Conference Room of the church. Access is via the Jackson Road entrance. This gathering is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please contact the facilitator, Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose at bbagbygrose@vnacarenewengland.org

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 6-9PM. Cost is \$5.00 to attend applied to annual dues. All experiences WELCOME, New or Advanced. For questions contact: RPloettner@Gmail.com

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Deb Moretti

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

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Carol & Ken Kinoian
in loving memory of Carol's mother.

Beverage and snacks in Fellowship Hall
Following worship is provided by
Pastoral & Staff Team

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