

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

October 5, 2025

**World Communion Sunday**

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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 Bamboo Flute

Chinese Folk song  
Sandy Nolan – piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

- One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.
- Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.**
- One: What do we find at today's table?
- Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.**
- One: What is not at today's table?
- Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.**
- One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.
- Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love. Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.**

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn:

As We Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

Passing of the Peace

Scripture: John 17:20-23NRSVUE

20 “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

\*Hymn:

Choir sings first time  
then all gathered

One Bread, One Body

J.B. Foley

refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

5 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though man-y

11 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

verses 1, 2 and 3 - choir

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	There is No Fear in Love	Elliot Levine
		Sandy Nolan - piano
		Woodridge & First Korean Community Choir

*Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow	NCH #780
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Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

**Generous God, You have set a table that stretches from Providence to Kinshasa, from Bogotá to Seoul. You have fed us with grace and invited us into your holy community of justice and joy. So now, we offer back to you a portion of what we have received. May our gifts, of money, time, and lives, be used to extend your welcome, to build tables in places long denied a feast, and to nourish hope in hearts still waiting for home. Bless and multiply these gifts for your glory and your people. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation	Let Us Break Bread Together	Pilgrim #288
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Holy Communion (in the tradition of First Korean Church)

Invitation

One: The love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift them up to God.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the God most High.  
**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

One: O God, it is our joy to give thanks, praise, and glory to You, the Lord who reigns over all the universe, at every moment and in every place.  
**Many: We praise Your mercy, O God.**

Sanctus

**\*Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
(in your preferred language)

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God Al-might-y!*  
*Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee;*  
*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly mer-ci-ful and might-y!*  
*God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!*

Epiclesis

One: Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup to sanctify them.  
**Many: Spirit of creation, sanctify us also**

Words of Institution

One: O god, we proclaim the mystery of faith to all the world.  
**Many: Lord Jesus! We proclaim Your death, rejoice in Your resurrection, And await Your coming in glory.**

Anamnesis

One: O Lord, we remember Christ—His cross and tomb, His resurrection and ascension, His seated place at Your right hand, and His coming again. As we partake of Christ’s body and blood, fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.  
**Many: Until we feast with Him in Your kingdom on the last day, may this Holy Communion unite us with Him, with our neighbors, and in serving the world.**

Consecration

One: Consecrate, therefore, by your holy spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and we may be faithful in all things.  
**Many: Amen!**

Fraction

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus ’name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Pilgrim #8

Benediction

**\*Benediction Response:** Draw the Circle Wide see insert

**Postlude** Krakowiak Polish Folk song  
Sandy Nolan – piano

# Announcements

## Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

Mark A. Miller

chorus

introduction

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No-one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

side. \_\_\_\_\_ Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the

cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song; No-one stands a-lone. Stand-ing

side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

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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.



### New Member Sunday – 10/12/2025

If you’re new to Woodridge or you’ve been coming for a while and are ready to join as a formal member of our church, we will hold a New Member Sunday on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Membership is a way to deepen your connection to our community, serve on teams, and have a vote in our congregational meetings. If you’d like to learn more or you’re planning to join on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please let Pastor Aidan know!

**You Are Invited to–The Woodridge Family & Friends Halloween Party**  
**10/25/25 1-3pm Fellowship Hall** This is a Family and Friends of Woodridge Congregational Church party which means if you have a child, or a grandchild here at Woodridge they can invite another family member, for example a cousin or they can invite a friend. This is also a party for the young at heart. If you love to be in costume and you would like to decorate a “TABLE” with your favorite theme (for example Ghosts & Goblins, Minecraft, or Super Hero’s) you are welcome to join in the fun. We are hoping to have 15 tables decorated. These will be where the kids do their “Table or Treating”. So, each “Table” will have a theme with a treat to give the kids. Kind of like “Trunk or Treat”. More details to come.

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

Liturgist: Deborah DiChiara

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

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

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