

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



Worship at 10:00 AM

October 12, 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

Forever with Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Carol Tornquist
Sandy Nolan – piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: People of faith, come and see what God has done!

All: God has guided us and walked with us.

One: See how God has protected us.

All: God has brought us to this sacred space.

One: Let us give glory to God!

All: Let us sing praises to God!

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises! We are grateful for the gift of this day and all the ways you make your presence known. We are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls and heal us. After we have spent time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

NCH #423

Scripture

Psalms 66:1-12 NRSVUE

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. ⁴ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." *Selah* ⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, ⁷ who rules by

his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah* ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Reception of New Members: Affirmation of Baptism

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.
Do you believe in God?
ALL: I believe in God.
One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ.
One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit.
One: Let us read together the Woodridge Congregational Church covenant as found in our Constitution:
ALL: We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God and to walk together in the ways of the Lord made known to us. We believe it is our mission to proclaim our Christian faith by word and action throughout the world; to promote justice and equality for all; to work and to pray for peace; and to strive to eliminate war, poverty, and ignorance, helping our fellow human beings aspire to and achieve a way of life suitable to children of God.
One: Let us, the members of Woodridge Congregational Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
ALL: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture:

Luke 17:11-19^{NRSVUE}

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s^[b] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Sermon

Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn

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!

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

God is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Antonin Dvorak

Sharon Ann Hope - solo

Sandy Nolan - piano

*Doxology

NCH #779

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, we come to say thank you for all the ways you bring forth life and health and renewal. Bless these gifts, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community. Amen.

*Hymn:

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

NCH #42

Benediction

*Benediction Response

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (vss 1&4)

NCH #393

Postlude

Great is the Lord

Words and Music by

Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Sandy Nolan - organ

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/changing tables.



**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: (Witches, Paw Patrol, Descendants) 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”.

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@vnacarennewengland.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: RPlloettner@Gmail.com

The Holiday Bazaar is only a month away. 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, marthajryan@verizon.net or Carmen Steinbrecher, crburney814.cs@gmail.com. Here is a list of suggestions:

- Jewelry
- Pocketbooks and wallets
- Shoes and boots in like new or gently used condition
- Warm winter accessories – gloves, mittens, scarves, hats
- Tablecloths, linens, sheets (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size)
- Blankets, comforters
- Small appliances and working electronics
- Kitchen items
- Dishes
- Christmas and other holiday decorations
- Warm women's, men's and children's clothes
- Decorative pillows
- Art and other decorative items.
- Sports equipment - clothing and helmets etc
- Video accessories - old radios etc
- Vintage clothing
- Tools - small hand-held and electric or battery-run, toolboxes

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: Carol Kinoian

Ushers: Carmen Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher,
Sharon Albert, Rebecca Rotondo

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen Steinbrecher,
John Chin, Rebecca Rotondo

The flowers on the altar are given by Leo Smith and his family
in loving memory of his wife, Ruth

Coffee Hour Treats are supplied by
The Worship Team

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