

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

October 19, 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

Cavatina

Joachim Raff
Sandy Nolan - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

All: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.

One: We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.

All: We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

Hymn:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH #43

Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5^{NRSVUE}

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is^[a] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom,

I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

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

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8NRSVUE

18 Then Jesus^[a] told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”^[b] ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn:

LOYALTY AND COURAGE

I Shall Not Be Moved615

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The fourth system contains the first verse of the chorus. The fifth system contains the second and third verses of the chorus. The sixth system contains the final line of the chorus, marked 'D. S.' (Da Capo). The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be,

I shall not be moved; like a tree plant-ed by the

wa-ter, I shall not be moved. (be moved.)

1. When my cross is heav-y, I shall not be moved,
2. When my bur-den's heav-y, I shall not be moved,
3. If my friends for-sake me, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav-y, I shall not be moved; like a
when my bur-den's heav-y, I shall not be moved; like a
if my friends for-sake me, I shall not be moved; like a

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual I SHALL NOT BE MOVED Irr.

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.

<u>Offertory</u>	The Gospel is True	David Hampton & Scott Wesley Brown Arr. Russell Mauldin Woodridge Choir Sandy Nolan - Piano
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<u>Doxology</u>	NCH #779
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Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, that your love may be made known throughout your world. Amen.

<u>Hymn:</u>	God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak	NCH #531
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Benediction

<u>Benediction Response</u>	Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (1&4)	NCH #393
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<u>Postlude</u>	Stand Up for Jesus	Robert J. Hughes
	Based on tune “Webb”	George J. Webb
		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.



**You Are Invited to – *The Woodridge Family & Friends Halloween Party*
10/25/25 1-3pm Fellowship Hall**

The sign-up sheets are looking great for our Family and Friends Halloween party. We are half way there with Tables to be decorated. These are the tables where the kids will be doing their “Table or Treating,” kind of like “Trunk or Treating.” Our goal is to have 12-15 tables. If you missed our demonstration on how easy this is to do, no need to hesitate. You are the master of your Halloween Table. Throw on a table cloth pull out some scary or fun stuff, visit the dollar store (lots of good stuff there) bring some treats, and come join us next Saturday in Fellowship Hall for a Haunting good time. We will also be decorating pillow cases for treat sacks, play a few games, and have some snacks. Who, said Halloween is just for kids? It really is for all of us who enjoy the creativity, excitement, laughter and TREATS!!! **Come to the party in Costume!!!**

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

The Holiday Bazaar is less than 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: Frank Toti

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 Nancy & Bob Quintiliani
in celebration of their 42nd Anniversary

Beverage and Treats in Fellowship Hall
Following worship is provided by
The Worship Team

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