

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

September 21, 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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
with I Stand Amazed in the Presence

arr. Carol Turnquist  
Sandy Nolan - piano

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

**All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

One: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

**All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

One: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

**All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

One: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**All: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Loving and Gracious God, tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

traditional American meloc  
arr. J. Shrad

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Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we  
is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing touch - es  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el cel - e - brate the space we

freed, clear the cha - os and the clut - ter clear our  
base, mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing  
gain, there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a

eyes, that we can see all the things that real ly  
shades to show the sun, rais - ing cour - age when we're  
time for heart to care, in the Spir - it's live - ly

mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be. Si - lence  
shrink - ing find - ing scope for faith be - gun. In the  
schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

Scripture:

Psalm 113 NRSVUE

Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup> Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup> Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. <sup>3</sup> From the rising  
of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
<sup>4</sup> The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Who is  
like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, <sup>6</sup> who stoops down to  
look on the heavens and the earth? <sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the  
needy from the ash heap; <sup>8</sup> he seats them with princes, with the princes of his  
people. <sup>9</sup> He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of  
children. Praise the LORD.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message/Presentation of Confirmation Bibles

Leader: You do not only read these words on your own. You also come to  
God's Word in the context of a community.  
People: **We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your  
faith but also your questions and your doubts to Woodridge  
Congregational Church to find a loving, supporting, listening  
and teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith and  
knowledge.**

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

NCH #82

Scripture:

Luke 16:1-13 NRSVUE

**16** Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of  
wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear  
about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be  
manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My  
master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to  
beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me

into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons<sup>[a]</sup> of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “A thousand bushels<sup>[b]</sup> of wheat,’ he replied.“ He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ <sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be NCH #448

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 He Looked Beyond My Fault Dottie Rambo  
arr. Russell Mauldin  
Sandy Nolan - Piano  
Woodridge Choir

\*Doxology Old 100<sup>th</sup> NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**You call us to be wise with our riches, O God, that your realm may be blessed for the benefit of all. May we be found faithful in a little, that you may entrust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love. May they bring your healing and light to those who need the balm of Gilead. Amen.**

Hymn:

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American Spiritual  
arr. W. Whalum

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'I'm gon-na live so God can use me, an-y where Lord, work so God can use me, an-y where Lord, pray so God can use me, an-y where Lord, sing so God can use me, an-y where Lord,'. The second system continues the melody with lyrics: 'an-y time! I'm gon-na live so God can use me, an-y time! I'm gon-na work so God can use me, an-y time! I'm gon-na pray so God can use me, an-y time! I'm gon-na sing so God can use me, an-y time!'. The third system concludes the hymn with lyrics: 'an-y where Lord, an-y time! I'm gon-na where Lord, an-y time! I'm gon-na where Lord, an-y time! I'm gon-na where Lord, an-y time! I'm gon-na'.

Benediction

Benediction Response God Be With You (vs 1) NCH #81

Postlude Fughetta Alexandre Boely  
Sandy Nolan - organ

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Service of Installation for Pastor Aidan - Today 9.21.25 @ 2 PM**

Join us at 2 PM on Sunday, September 21st for the Service of Installation of Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley to Woodridge Congregational Church. It is a moment to celebrate our mutual ministries here at Woodridge, welcome guests from the RI Association of the SNEUCC, and of course, have goodies!

**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.



## **Toiletries Collection** Collaboration with MAE Organization

Today is the last day of the toiletries collection (09/21/25). Whatever is donated today will add to a tremendous total success. The Woodridge Family along with Friends and Families of this congregation are incredibly generous.

Final total will be posted next week. Thank you for all you do to help those in need with our MAE Ministry.

**World Communion Sunday Potluck Oct. 5, 2025** – We will continue our annual tradition of worshiping with our friends from the First Korean Church of RI for World Communion Sunday on Oct. 5, 2025. Our congregations will join together for a potluck lunch following the service. See the sign up sheet to bring a dish or let us know you'll be attending so we can plan accordingly.

## **Save the Date – Oct. 25, 2025 for the Woodridge Halloween Party 1 – 3pm**

Think “Table or Treat” kind of like “Trunk or Treat” more info to come!!!

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

Liturgist: Deborah Therrien

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 Deborah and Rick Therrien  
in memory of loved ones

Beverage on the Terrace provided by  
Carol Kinoian & Courtney Lombardi  
of the Membership and Fellowship Team

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