

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

September 28, 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

This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone (1934)

Tune (Finlandia) Jean Sebelius (1899)

Prime Time Chimers

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: God is our refuge and our fortress.

All: In God, we place our trust.

One: When we are weary,

All: God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

One: Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

All: God is our hope and our salvation.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings, we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vss. 1-4)

NCH #25

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16 NRSVUE

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a] ²I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” ³Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. ⁵You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. ¹⁴“Because he^[a] loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. ¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn: It is Well with My Soul NCH #438

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 Through It All Andrae Crouch
arr. by Russell Mauldin
Sandy Nolan - piano
Woodridge Choir

*Doxology Old 100th NCH #780

Prayer of Dedication (unison)
**Loving God, you protect us from harm and shelter us in your loving arms.
Just as you deliver us from evil, may these offerings lead others to find the
hope of your salvation. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn: I’ve Got Peace Like a River NCH #478

Benediction

*Benediction Response God Be With You (vs. 2) NCH #81

Postlude Marche Romaine Charles Gounod
Sandy Nolan - piano

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.



World Communion Sunday Potluck Oct. 5, 2025 – We will continue our annual tradition of worshipping 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.”
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 Disney Princesses, Star Wars or Harry Potter) you are welcome to join in the fun. We are hoping to have 15 tables decorated. These will be where the kids do their Trick or Treating. So each “Table” will have a theme with a treat to give the kids. More details to come.

Toiletries Collection Collaboration with MAE Organization
It is with profound appreciation that we the MAE Team share these totals with you.

Tooth Brushes.....	127	Shampoo (reg. size).....	18
Socks.....	106	Shaving cream.....	13
Wipes.....	89	Lotion (reg. size).....	11
Tooth paste.....	82	Female pads (pkgs).....	10
Chap stick.....	80	Tampons.....	7
Mini pre made toiletry bags.....	60	Complete female bags.....	6
Razors.....	50	Travel size shampoos.....	6
Deodorant.....	40	Mini lotion.....	5
Soap bars.....	38	Travel size conditioner.....	4
Tissue packs.....	34	Band aids.....	4
Mini Tooth paste.....	30	Laundry Sheet.....	4
Mini soap.....	30	Sanitizers.....	4
Combs.....	26	Detergent.....	3
Travel size soaps.....	22	Brushes.....	2
Floss.....	22	Body wash/shampoo.....	2
		Dry Shampoo.....	2

Thank you so much to all who donated items. This includes Woodridge folks and friends and family of the MAE Team. The total is more than “GRAND”!!!

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Ken Kinoian

Ushers: Grant Southard, Marsha Southard,
Bob Cole, Marianna Sarty

Stewards: Marsha Southard, Grant Southard,
Ellen Hunt, Bob Cole

The flowers on the altar are given by Jasmyn Sullivan
in celebration of her daughter, Persephone's 3rd birthday
and her Dad, Lou's (?) birthday

Beverage on the Terrace is provided by
Adama Sarty

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