Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

October 13, 2024

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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. 

 Gathering
 Amazing Grace / I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

 arranged by Carol Tornquist

 Sandy Nolan – piano

 Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

 Welcome & Church Life

 Introit
 Be Thou My Vision

 J. Krug

 Woodridge Chimers

## Call to Worship

- One: Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.
- All: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of trials and blessings.
- One: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal our souls.
- All: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.
- One: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.
- All: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.

## Opening Prayer (unison)

Elusive One, be near us in our need. For we are poured out like water and our hearts melt like wax within us. You have watched over us since our birth as a parent watches over their children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now. Help us in our weakness and touch us with your mercy and your grace. Amen.

<u>-lymn</u>	Immortal, Invisible,	God Only Wise	NCH #1

## Scripture:

Psalm 22:1-15(NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; <sup>8</sup>"Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

### Passing of the Peace

## Children's Message

<u>Sending Hymn:</u>	Go, My Children, with My Blessing (verse 1)	see page 6
	(Children may leave for Sunday School)	

## Scripture:

Job 23:1-9,16-17

Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup>"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; <sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. <sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; <sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

<u>Sermon</u>		Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley
<u>*Hymn:</u>	Out of the Depths I Call	NCH #483
Praver Concerns and	d Celebrations – Pastoral Praver	

#### 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

<u>Anthem</u>	Be Still and Know that I am God	S. C. Warner
		Woodridge Choir

#### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above ye heavenly hosts Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

### Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

<u>*Hymn</u>	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	NCH #472
<u>Benediction</u>		
Benediction Response	Blessed be the Tie That Binds (verse 1)	NCH #393
<u>Postlude</u>	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Music taken from Gesangbuch der Herzog! Sandy Nolan - organ	

## Announcements

**COVID Advisory** ...If you have symptoms or don't feel well, please stay home and join in Sunday worship via our live-stream. If you attend in person and would feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. We try to have masks available for anyone who would like one. And we encourage all who are eligible, to get appropriate vaccines, advised by their physician. Stay safe!

**Woodridge Church Visioning & Listening Session with Pastor Aidan-**What makes our church special? What events or programs are particularly meaningful to you and your families? What do you believe our mission is at this moment in our church's history? How can we meet the needs of our community? How do we welcome people who are searching for a home? If any of these questions sparked your interest and curiosity, I invite you to join me for a visioning and listening brainstorming session following worship on Sunday, October 20th in the Music Room.

#### Guest Speaker Event at Temple Sinai — Monday, October 21st @ 7 PM

Our friends at Temple Sinai in Cranston will be hosting Pastor Chris Edmonds who travels around the world to share the story of his father, WWII hero, Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, whose fearless bravery saved the lives of more than 200 Jewish American soldiers in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Pastor Edmonds travels around the world to share the story of his father's moral courage while inspiring others to take a stand for what is right. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the enduring power of human goodness.

**Church Membership** Are you interested in learning more about Woodridge Congregational Church? Are you interested in joining the church? If so, join us for an information session following worship in the Music Room on Sunday, November 3rd.

**HOLIDAY MARKET UPDATE** Please check out the volunteer opportunities on the Bulletin Board and the Easel in the Narthex. You will find possibilities for baking for the Country Store on the Easel, and the Bulletin Board there are volunteer slots the week before the Market, as well as day of event shifts. Additionally, you may want to help put the Gift Baskets and Mystery Bags together on October 20th and 27th.

# Announcements

If you have already purchased wine or a gift card for the Mystery Bags, please bring them in - we will store them, so you don't have to.

Gather together your donations for the Holiday Market's TIMELESS TREASURES

**room!** We are seeking new, like-new or very gently used: Jewelry, Pocketbooks, Shoes, Warm winter accessories, Tablecloths, linens (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size) Boxed small appliances, Kitchen utensils and Christmas decorations. Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, Oct. 13. The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 3. Thank you very much! Your wonderful donations are key to our success!! Any questions, please see Martha Ryan, <u>marthajsryan@verizon.net</u>.

**Thank you** for your continuing donations of non-perishable food items to the Interfaith Food Pantry – in the narthex basket or the box outside the Jackson Road office entrance.

We are still looking for people to help with the Livestream Team! If you are interested in sitting in the balcony during worship once a month and would like to learn how to operate the camera and computer and generate our livestream of the worship service, please contact Bob Ryan (<u>bobbyryan@verizon.net</u> or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (<u>firebombjr@gmail.com</u> or see him at church). Thank you very much!

**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** has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 6-9pm. All experiences WELCOME. For questions contact: <u>RPloettner@Gmail.com</u>.



## Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Joe DiPietro

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

Stewards: Courtney Lombardi, Carmen, Steinbrecher, Les Steinbrecher, Rebecca Rotondo

This Sunday's flowers are given by Nancy and Bob Quintiliani in celebration of their daughter Sarah's upcoming wedding on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

For the month of October, Coffee and Treats in Fellowship Hall are provided by the Worship Committee

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