

*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.

*\* All who are able, please stand*

Gathering

Amazing Grace / I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

arranged by Carol Tornquist

Sandy Nolan – piano

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound by John A. Dallas

Prime Time Chimers

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.**

\*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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.



## 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, [marthajryan@verizon.net](mailto:marthajryan@verizon.net).

**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 ([bobbyryan@verizon.net](mailto:bobbyryan@verizon.net)) or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier ([firebombjr@gmail.com](mailto:firebombjr@gmail.com)) 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@vnaacarenewengland.org](mailto:bbagbygrose@vnaacarenewengland.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: [RPloettner@Gmail.com](mailto:RPloettner@Gmail.com).

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

traditional Welsh melody



Go my child-ren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a-lone, wak-ing sleep-ing,



I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er



I have made you mine for-ev-er, go, my child-ren, with my bless-ing you are my own.

## 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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