

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

November 24, 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

Let It Be

The Beatles
Words and music by
John Lennon and Paul McCartney
Prime Time Chimers

Welcome & Church Life

Call to Worship

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

All: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Opening Prayer (unison)

We come to you, O God, in thanksgiving for the gift of our beautiful land, a land whose harvest feeds us and can feed the world. We come to you in thanksgiving for the gift of faith, the faith known to us here in this place. We come to you in thanksgiving most of all for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Be with us now that we may truly worship you. Amen.

*Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Pilgrim #462

Scripture:

Psalm 126^(NRSV)

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." ³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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.

Anthem

Many and Great, O God are Your Works Dakota Hymn
Bob Ryan - percussion
Nancy Quintiliani – flute
Martha Ryan - rain stick
Woodridge Choir

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks! Give thanks!

Prayer of Dedication (unison prayer)

Gracious and abundant God, like the birds of the air, we can trust your provision. You take care of us. Like the lilies of the field, all that we have is yours. Every good thing is a gift from you. Bless the gifts that we bring, that in all we make and say and do: trust may grow, beauty may flourish, generosity may flow, and your name may be praised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God NCH #419

Benediction

*Benediction Response

Farewell, Good Friends!

Israeli melody

Sha - lom, cha - ve-rim! Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha - lom, sha lom! Le -
hit - ra - ot, le hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

Postlude

Announcements

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service — Today, Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 PM @ Temple Sinai

Our congregation will join with other communities of faith in Cranston for an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration hosted by Temple Sinai at 6 PM on Sunday, November 24th. Come and enjoy a time of gratitude and fellowship and experience a diverse service of worship.

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. **This year in leu of Thanksgiving Baskets we are planning to do a bigger food distribution at the Food Pantry in December.** Please consider bringing in items that folks could use as part of their Christmas celebration such as boxed potatoes, canned veggies, canned yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing, boxed breads, cake and brownie mixes.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Martha Ryan

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

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

The flowers this Sunday are given by
Lynne Sullivan and Lou Beneduce
in celebration of their daughter, Jasmyn's birthday.

For the month of November, Coffee and a
Cornucopia of deliciousness is served in Fellowship Hall after worship
prepared by Pastoral & Staff

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*Happy, Healthy,
Blessed
Thanksgiving
to all*