

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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

Worship at 10:00 AM

October 20, 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

Beautiful One with O Come, Let Us Adore Him

arr. by C. Tonquist  
Sandy Nolan - Piano

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: Come into God's presence.

**All: All are welcome here.**

One: Come into God's glory.

**All: God's glory is all around.**

One: As Christ came before us,

**All: we come to worship and pray.**

One: As Christ turned to God,

**All: we bring our sadness and our tears.**

One: As Christ came to serve,

**All: we bring our humble hearts.**

One: Come into God's presence.

**All: All are welcome here.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Sing into our hearts, Creator God, as you sang your glory into creation.**

**Speak to our minds with wisdom of old. Draw us into your presence, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.**

\*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Scripture:

Psalm 104:1-9,24,35C(NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, <sup>3</sup>you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, <sup>4</sup>you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. <sup>5</sup>You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. <sup>6</sup>You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder, they take to flight. <sup>8</sup>They rose up to the mountains,



# 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 today 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.

**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 [bbygrose@vnaicarenewengland.org](mailto:bbygrose@vnaicarenewengland.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: [RPlottner@Gmail.com](mailto:RPlottner@Gmail.com).

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

Liturgist: Barbara Stifano

Ushers: Debbie Scipione, Eileen Phaneuf,  
Lou Beneduce, Richard Jordan

Stewards: Deb Moretti, Nancy Quintiliani,  
Richard Therrien, Deborah Therrien

The flowers this Sunday are given by Gale MacDonald as a  
birthday remembrance for her mother.

For the month of October coffee and treats  
are supplied by the Worship Committee

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