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.

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 NCH #12

<u>Scripture:</u> <u>Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c(NRSV)</u>

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

^{*} All who are able, please stand

ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. ²⁴O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

*Sending Hymn Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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(verse 1)

(Children may leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: Job 38:1-7(NRSV)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Sermon Rev. Aidan Myers Kelley

*Hymn God of the Sparrow God of the Whale NCH #32

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations – Pastoral Prayer

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 Pass it On K F Kaiser 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)

Great and gracious God, as you have blessed our lives and all of creation, bless the gifts we now return to you. Bless our hands and our lives, that they may serve you and your creation. Continue creating life and hope through our offerings and our ministries. May your glory and your grace shine through everything we give, everything we say, and everything we do. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens NCH #556

Benediction

Benediction Response Blessed be the Tie That Binds NCH #393

<u>Postlude</u> The Glory of God in Nature

L.V. Beethovan 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 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, marthajsryan@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 or see him at church) or Jay Bombardier (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@vnacarenewengland.org

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Guild has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 6-9pm. All experiences WELCOME. For questions contact: RPloettner@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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