

Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 26, 2022

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Air from the Suite in D* JS Bach

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP JoAnn Behlman, Liturgist

God is a God who calls.

**We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.**

God is a God who equips.

**We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.**

God is a God who sends.

**We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.**

God is a God who blesses.

**We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.**

Let us worship God.

**Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN UMH #185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**God of power,**

**without your love we can do nothing.**

**Give us a double share of your spirit**

**so that we can work together,**

**across the world,**

**to bring about the end of poverty for all.**

**Teach us to follow the examples of the prophets,**

**to speak clearly alongside the poor**

**and to work tirelessly for the good of all people.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ**

**who brought healing and love to the whole world.**

**Amen.**

THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #703      *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We've been set free, but not so we can create a nation, a church, a family, or a life simply to indulge in doing whatever-the-heck we want to do. Paul teaches freedom in Christ. Today we are invited to put our money where our faith leads us. Not for self-indulgence, but for love of our neighbor. This is a day to confirm our understanding of ourselves as truly free in Christ; free enough to support Community Services Council of Woodbury, free enough to advocate for better treatment of marginalized people, or to confront those who would exploit them. Free enough to demonstrate love of neighbor in ways that are concrete, ways that matter. In this way, you are invited to act out your freedom as we receive our morning offering.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *Sow Mercy*      arr. C. Shay

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE UMH #95      Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bear fruit with these gifts we now bring, Holy One. May they bring a double share of your presence to all who are touched by them. Bless us also, who have given so generously, that we may grow in your Spirit, bringing even more generosity and love to your world. **Amen.**

## **WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

### WE GO FORTH IN JOY

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

#### BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace.

Live as those who have already passed from death to life.

Give aid and be willing to receive it,

trust and be trusted,

forgive and be forgiven,

give respect and be respected,

love and be willing to be loved.

In the name of the three-person'd God I bless you.

Grace mercy and peace be with you always.

**And also with you. Amen!**

\*POSTLUDE

*Bouree from the "Watermusic Suite"*

G.F. Handel

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### The Prayer Corner

*In prayer, please remember the people of Ukraine; Bob and Martha Asman;  
Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto, Lou Calabrese (husband of Lynn  
Ramsden-Calabrese); Linda Bailey; the family of Pat McWhirt; Protection for our  
church, our volunteers and our congregants.*

*If you would like our confidential prayer team to pray with you or for you, please  
reach out to Carolyn Shay, 203-518-3177 or [ljerseygirl52@gmail.com](mailto:ljerseygirl52@gmail.com)*

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Pastor Michael will be away from July 2-9. If you have a pastoral care emergency during that time, please contact Pastor Michael Jenkins at (203) 522-3453.

Worship on July 3<sup>rd</sup> is at 9:30 AM, led by Holly Norton of Watertown UMC.

Worship on July 10<sup>th</sup> is at 9:30 AM, led by Rynn Naylor,  
with Pastor Michael assisting as well as officiating communion.

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*Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor*

Pastor's e-mail: [pastormichael@woodburyumc.net](mailto:pastormichael@woodburyumc.net)

*Meg Temple, Lay Leader*

*Chris Shay, Director of Music*

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Church office hours: Tuesday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

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## Week of June 26, 2022

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!**

**If you would like to become a member** of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today:

*JoAnn Behlman*, Liturgist and Reader;

*Sherry Swanhall* Greeters and Ushers;

*Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Please note:** Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer available.

- **Video:** Go to [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net), scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
  - **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.
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## **COVID Response Team Update**

As of April 4, we are delighted to announce that masks are optional during worship services, although we still encourage members of our congregation, who have not been vaccinated, to wear a mask. Further, pre-registration for church services is no longer required.

Please continue to maintain social distancing between different family units and refrain from attending services in person if you or a family member has been ill (e.g., have any cold, flu or COVID symptom). You can find a chart at <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2F reopening to help you determine when it is safe to return to in-person worship after being ill or having been in close contact with someone else who is ill>.

We will continue to livestream services, which are available online at our website, [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net), or our YouTube channel at [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP\\_AEcw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP_AEcw).

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## **Spread the Light!**

Just one more week left to get your star and support the "Spread the Light" appeal of the Woodbury Community Service Council. Donors to the CSCW during the "Spread the Light" campaign will have the opportunity to dedicate one of the star lantern that will be displayed on the Fourth of July weekend at five town greens along Main Street in Woodbury in memory or honor of family, friends and other special persons in their lives. Each star lantern, displayed throughout the day and illuminated during the evening, will represent a dedication made through a donation to the "Spread the Light" campaign.

Donations may be made in person at the food bank, or by mailing a check payable to the CSCW, PO Box 585, Woodbury, CT 06798. Donations also may be made online through the PayPal portal on the CSCW web page on the Town of Woodbury website (please access <https://woodburyct.org>, then click the "Community Links" tab to access the CSCW page). Please be sure to include your memorial and honorary dedications.

CSCW invites all to stop by the Food Bank to receive a star lantern and a Gratitude Stone designed by our CSCW volunteers. They will be delighted to greet you and offer these expressions of our thanks to you on Wednesday June 22, Thursday June 23, Saturday June 25, Wednesday June 29, Thursday June 30, and Saturday July 2, from 8:30 am to 11 am; and on Friday June 24 and Friday July 1, from 8:30 am to 2 pm. You can reach the Food Bank by entering the LaBonne's plaza in Woodbury and taking the driveway on either side of the plaza building to the rear delivery lot; They'll be set up outside the Food Bank at the basement level of the Newtown Savings Bank branch. For more information, contact Bob Taylor, (203) 263-3869 or [community.services.council@gmail.com](mailto:community.services.council@gmail.com).

## 2022 New York Annual Conference - June 22-26

The New York Annual Conference (NYAC) consists of all UMC congregations and people in an area covering roughly half of New York and Connecticut, comprised of about 100,000 people in about 410 congregations. Each year, members gather for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, all under the leadership of our Bishop, Thomas Bickerton.

The 223<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference session of NYAC with the theme of “**Restoration Revival: Resetting for the Journey**” is wrapping up today. WUMC’s Lay Member to the Annual Conference was Catherine Mason, meaning that she and Pastor Michael each voted on conference business. However our conference makes Annual Conference available to all.

You still have an opportunity to experience the 2022 New York Annual Conference. In the coming days, inspirational worship, Bishops Bickerton’s Episcopal address, the *State of the Church*, reports and more will be posted on a webpage established for the 2022 NY Annual Conference Session. See <https://www.nyac.com/2022-annual-conference> for more information, videos & reports as they are posted.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**For Our**

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**August 28**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**11:30 Cookout**

**Hollow Park**



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!**



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## WUMC Helping Hands Ministry

### Vision Statement:

Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.

### Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects; Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor

### Nominal Constraints:

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule

**Please Contact:** Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at

[HelpingHands@WoodburyUMC.net](mailto:HelpingHands@WoodburyUMC.net) or (203) 263-4775.

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