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Save the Dates

Sunday, August 29, 2021 we will be worshipping at the pavilion in Hollow Park at 10:30 AM and continuing on with our annual picnic beginning immediately after worship until 3:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, games, food donations, and clean-up. See your Messenger for more details and there are sign-up sheets at the top of the stairs in the office hallway. We look forward to seeing you at the Hollow!

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – Rally Day – Watch your Messenger for more information.

THE PRAYER CORNER

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman's* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto; Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig; Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman; Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon; Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

Woodbury United Methodist Church





Sunday, August 22, 2021

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 22, 2021
13th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Praeludium and Minuet from Partita #1 in B^b J.S. Bach

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by JoAnn Behlman

How lovely is the dwelling place of God! May our hearts become a place where God's Spirit lives.

May our words become bold words of love and grace. And may our worship be worthy of the Lord.

Welcome to this holy space where God's Spirit dwells among us!

We come longing to feel the presence of God.

Open your hearts, for this is a place of prayer and healing.

This is a place of joy and faith.

This is the place for you.

Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King*
Hymns led by Kate Thomason Keeler

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid

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Chris Shay, Director of Music

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of August 22, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

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.

Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost on the Christian calendar. The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *JoAnn Behlman*, Liturgist and Reader, *Christine Smith*, Greeter and Usher; *Kate Keeler*, Singer; *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 provided. The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to "Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary" and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Pastor Cobb

Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel. Keep alert and pray at all times. Draw strength from God's power and so stand firm against all that would corrupt you.

And may God arm you with truth and righteousness; May Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life; and may the Holy Spirit draw you near to God's presence.....and bless you with honor and grace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE NORTH GREEN

**REMINDER - our summer worship time is
at 9:30 AM.**

**Pre-registering is not required while
worshiping outdoors**

A Message from CRT. . .

Vaccinated members of our congregation may remove
their masks for outdoor services.

our sure defense be made,
our souls on thee be stayed;
thy wonders show.

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by JoAnn Behlman

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)

read by JoAnn Behlman

Finally, build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power. Put on all the armor that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the Devil's evil tricks. For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age. So put on God's armor now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground.

So stand ready, with truth as a belt tight around your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace. At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. And accept salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the Spirit gives you. Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people. And pray also for me, that God will give me a message when I am ready to speak, so that I may speak boldly and make known the gospel's secret. For the sake of this gospel I am an ambassador, though now I am in prison. Pray that I may be bold in speaking about the gospel as I should.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #530

Are Ye Able

"Are ye able," said the Master,
"To be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"To the death we follow Thee."

Refrain:

Lord, we are able.
Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us,
Like Thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God,
To love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember,
When a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy
Of a place in paradise? [Refrain]

Are ye able when the shadows
Close around you with the sod,
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God? [Refrain]

"Are ye able?" Still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer
Now, as then, in Galilee. [Refrain]

SERMON

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In this holy place, you are invited to bring your prayers and your offerings before God—the one who calls us to faith and who calls us to life. Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace as we bring our gifts before the Lord.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY #2080

All I Need is You

All I Need is You, Jesus All I Need is You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you, seeking your blessing, that they might be used to welcome all, and to inspire faith in our community. We offer our very selves, asking that we might become your faithful followers. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #374

Standing of the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]