

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 15, 2022

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

First Arabesque

C. Debussy

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ken Burke, Liturgist

Each morning we awake to a blank canvass.

Our God makes all things new!

As the sun rises in the morning,

let all creation worship God.

From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

God alone makes all things new.

All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

*OPENING HYMN UMH# 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* v. 1 ,5

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

THE LORDS 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 forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-8
Revelation 21:1-6

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UHM# 437 *This is My Song* v. 1, 3

SERMON

Rev. Garrett Walkup

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Loving God, as your Holy Word reveals, your gift of grace is offered to all of your children. In this moment, we respond to your generosity by offering financial gifts. We respond by praising your name in prayer. We respond to all you have done for us in gratitude as we collect today's offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Child's Garden of Prayer* Grier/Everson

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above the Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN UMH# 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* v.1, 4

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, know that our worship is only beginning. Go to love others as God has first loved us. In all that we see, hear, and take into our hearts, may the love of Christ be with us, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Lord, Have I Put my Trust

JS Bach

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The Prayer Corner

In prayer, please remember: the people of Ukraine; from the WUMC Congregation: Bob and Martha Asman; Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto, Lou Calabrese (husband of Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese); Linda Bailey; and our Confirmants: Annabelle Cloud, Cody & Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis

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

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.

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Week of May 15, 2022

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.

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

Ken Burke, Liturgist and Reader;
Jon & Nancy Ossewaarde, Greeters and Ushers;
Mary Grace Styblo, Acolytes;
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, 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 [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 \[http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwGP_AEcw\]\(http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwGP_AEcw\).

---](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.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Schedule For This Week

Tuesday, May 17th *Good Enough* Bible Study, 6:30 PM, via Zoom
Wed., May 18th Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 19th Transition Academy, 9-11 AM

Sunday, May 29th, immediately after worship

Memorial Day Picnic in the Courtyard

Sponsored by Family Nurture

Have some food and watch the parade go by with friends!

Keep an eye on the weekly email

or ask Mollie Bodwell or Samuel Temple for more information






Jay Hockenberry takes the confirmands on a tour of the church during our recent retreat.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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A Prayer for Ukraine
from Rev. Beth Richardson
Dean Emeritus of The Upper Room Chapel

*God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. ...
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.
God says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:9-10 (NRSV)*

God of peace,
Russia has invaded the Ukraine and war seems inevitable.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

God of wisdom,
Rain down your Spirit onto the leaders of the world
That they might find a way where there is no way.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

God of comfort,
Wrap the grieving ones in your cloak of consolation.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

God of courage,
Be present with all those who are in harm's way.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Amen.