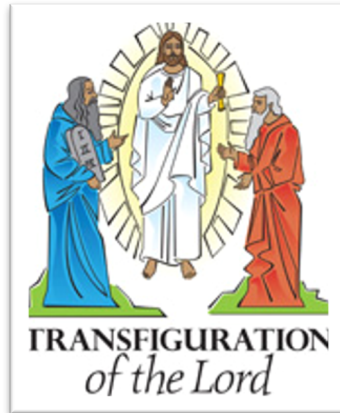


Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 27, 2022
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Transfiguration Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Allemande from the B flat Partita* JS Bach

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Styblo

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God:

shine in our darkness

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:

lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:

enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:

open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

renew in us the spirit of childhood.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:

open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen

*OPENING HYMN 258 O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair v. 1, 2, 4, 5

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Author: Richard Rohr

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough,

because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Seek the Lord

Carter

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

*Gospel Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 12-18 NRSV

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #393 *Spirit of the Living God* UM Hymnal

SERMON

Nothing Stands Alone

Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

RECOGNITION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other, to serve others with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY #395

Take Time to Be Holy

UM Hymnal

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image. Help us by your Holy Spirit to lift our hearts to you, to taste and see that you are good, to live lives of abundant generosity, full of gratitude and grace, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Michael Cobb

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #368 My Hope is Built

UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Michael Cobb

May the Glory of the Transfigured Christ be revealed in your life.

May God fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit and transform you to become more and more like Christ.

SENDING FORTH

Deacon Maria-Pia Seirup

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.

Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Go in hope, knowing you are a reflection of Christ to the world.

Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love for you.

God is with us, always. Amen

POSTLUDE

Minuet Finale from Water Music Suite

Handel

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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 February 27, 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: *Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup*, Guest Preacher; *Elizabeth Styblo*, Liturgist and Reader; *Mary Grace Styblo*, Acolyte; *Catherine Mason and Sue Vindigni*, Greeters and Ushers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Altar flower tribute this week is given by *Lynn Cullen*, to the glory of God and in remembrance of her late husband, Jim.

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

- **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#.

THE PRAYER CORNER

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

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; Lynne Brencher; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; 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); *Cindy Tedesco* and *Donna Louise Burke*, friends of *Kathy Craig; Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman*

Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

A REMINDER ON FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:

The floral chart will be placed in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date for flowers throughout the year. REMEMBER: if you don't have an occasion, you can donate and we will be sure to deliver them to one of our homebound people during that week. Call or email the office at (203) 263-4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wed., March 2nd **Ash Wednesday Worship**, 7pm, Sanctuary
No Bell Choir Rehearsal this week
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

Wed., March 9th Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

(all meetings will be held in the Assembly Room unless noted)

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Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup is the Executive Director of PeaceWork, inc. After serving for 16 years on the staff of Jesse Lee Memorial UMC, Rev. Maria-Pia founded PeaceWork, inc. in the winter of 2020. The PeaceWork ministry combines her passion for artisan work, contemplative prayer, and creating welcoming spaces where people can explore their faith and experience God's transforming power.

Her artisan work includes designing and creating unique clergy vestments, and church paraments, as well as quilting, sewing, and knitting items as compassionate, useful gifts to those in need.

Rev. Maria-Pia currently leads a weekly contemplative prayer group on Zoom that is open to all -- no experience necessary. If you wish to give it a try, email her for the Zoom link.

In the spring of 2020, Rev. Maria-Pia's work focused on leading a group of 25+ sewists from the Ridgefield area who made over 2,400 masks for essential workers and vulnerable individuals.

In the summer, Rev. Maria-Pia is chaplain at Camp Kingswood, our conference's 760 acre camp in Hancock, NY in the beautiful Catskills. In August, she also leads a yearly Women's Apart Retreat focusing on spiritual growth and handwork. The retreat is open to all women who wish to learn more about practicing God's presence in their everyday life.

More information about future events, and projects can be found on PeaceWork by Maria Pia Facebook page or by emailing: peaceworkbymp@gmail.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2, 2022

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 10

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 14

Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 15

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Location TBA

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 17

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM @ the Hollow – Woodbury, CT

Continental Breakfast at WUMC

Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Family Nurture Ministry Team

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship