

(Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *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*, *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



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.



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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

GREETING Rick Richardson, Church Council Chair

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Julia Bower Richardson, Liturgist
Opening Collect from *The United Methodist Hymn*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

*OPENING SONG *For Good* Stephen Schwartz
Hymns sung by the Bower Richardson family

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Julia Bower Richardson
adapted from *Worship and Song: Worship Resources*

Lord God, we seek to be servant leaders of your Church. When we exercise this gift, help us rely not only on our own natural skills and abilities. Help us not to focus on ourselves. Help us not to brag or have a bad attitude, but to trust you. Thank you, Jesus, who loved us so much that you led the way to the cross, so that we would be made right with God and become alive in all that we do. Lord God, we ask that our servant leadership not point to ourselves but to the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Anna Bower Richardson and Henry Lytle

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. John Thomason

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.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

The Prayer Corner:

Upcoming Surgery: *Linda Rockhill*, June 8th, St. Mary's Hospital

In the hospital: *Lawrence "Ed" Rockhill*, father-in-law of *Linda Rockhill* (Waterbury Hospital); *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman's* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

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Kathy Craig, Office Administrator *Carolyn Shay*, Lay Leader

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 June 6, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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

Today is the 2nd 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.

On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Table is open to all who seek to follow Christ, regardless of age or denominational background. An offering plate is located at the entrance to the North Green seating area to receive donations to our church's benevolence fund.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Julia Bower Richardson*, Liturgist; *Anna Bower Richardson*, Reader; the Bower Richardson family, Singers; *Anna Bower Richardson and Henry Lyttle*, Children's Time.

Altar flowers are given this week by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the glory of God and in celebration of *Pastor John's* family traveling to attend his retirement celebration."

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Julia Bower Richardson

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Anna Bower Richardson

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*NRSV*)

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Gospel Reading: John 1:14, 16-18 (*NRSV*)

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth . . . From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

SERMON *Grace Upon Grace* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *The Prayer of Humble Access*

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Give Thanks* Henry Smith

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER *from Worship and Song: Worship Resources*

Creator God, how lovely is the dwelling you have made for us!

You who create all things, we gladly awaken in your presence. You are our maker, our host, and our home.

Risen Christ, how lovely is your dwelling with us!

You invite us to feast at your table: to be nourished by your teaching, to be healed by your grace, and to share in this banquet of life with all the other poor sinners of this world. You who taught and healed, you died and were raised, you who are the Bread of Life, feed us with your presence, fill us with your spirit, and lead us by your word. We desire with all our heart and mind and strength to die and live with you in the mystery of eternal life.

Holy Spirit, how lovely is your dwelling place with us!

Wisdom of God, how gracious is your invitation to feast at your table. You make us one body, the Body of Christ. God, we give our hearts to you, that by your grace we may devote ourselves to lives of compassion, justice, and joy, for the sake of the transformation of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING SONG *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Victor Johnson

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE *Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter