

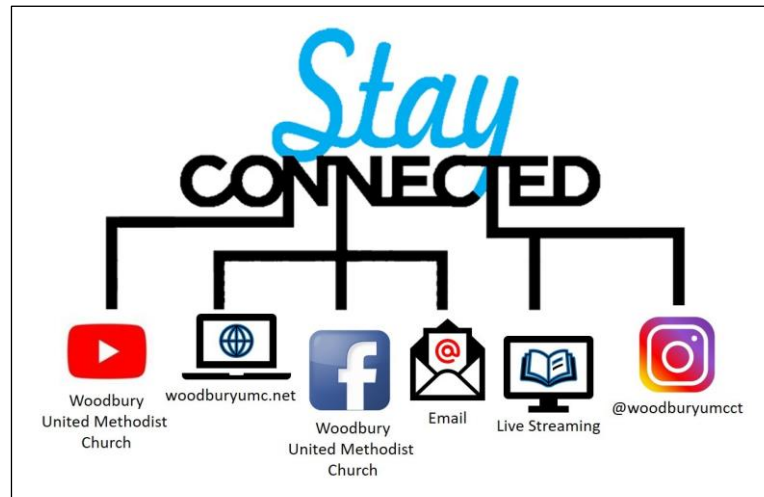
Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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.

Love is Spoken Here!



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 10, 2021

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October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Benedictus* Faure

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is not what we do that saves us.

It is the mercy and grace of God, poured out in love.

The first shall be last,

for God's love turns our expectations upside down.

Come and worship.

God is here.

Listen for God's word.

It is alive and active.

Draw near to the source of mercy.

The God of grace is with us.

*OPENING HYMN #463

Lord Speak to Me

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) St. Francis

led by Carolyn Shay, Liturgist


Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is error, the truth;

where there is doubt, the faith;



NATIONAL
**COMING
OUT
DAY**

Monday October 11, 7pm
Woodbury United Methodist Church

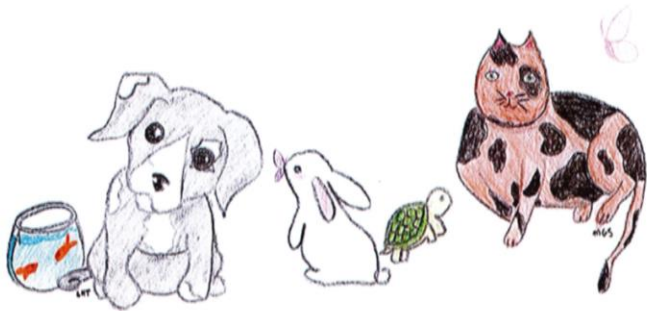
A service of worship, music and celebration of LGBTQIA people and allies, celebrating queer visibility with unapologetic welcome.

Join us in uplifting dignity and respect for all, and to support and encourage LGBTQIA families in living honest and open lives!

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Facebook and Instagram: WoodburyUMCCT

Please follow COVID safety guidelines, including masking.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



WOODBURY NORTH GREEN **OCTOBER**
3PM SUNDAY **10**

Join Us as we celebrate our animal companions!
All people and their pets are welcome!
Stuffed animals and pet photos are also very welcome!

We will have snacks for pets and people. *Pets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.*
Please join us even if you do not have a pet of your own.
This is a wonderful experience that everyone will enjoy!
Pet food collection to benefit the Woodbury Community Food Bank

More information at WoodburyUMC.net or at [facebook.com/WoodburyUMCCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodburyUMCCT)

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Rain Date is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 PM

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

BLESSING OF THE STUFFED ANIMALS

CHOIR ANTHEM

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

read by Carolyn Shay

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16 (GNV)

The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart. There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves.

Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God—Jesus, the Son of God. Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31 (GNV)

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. You

know the commandments: ‘Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.’” “Teacher,” the man said, “ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments.”

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, “You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.” When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich. Jesus looked around at his disciples and said to them, “How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!”

The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, “My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.” At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, “Who, then, can be saved?” Jesus looked straight at them and answered, “This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” “Yes,” Jesus said to them, “and I tell you that those who leave home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel, will receive much more in this present age. They will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come they will receive eternal life. But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first.”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #468

Dear Jesus in Whose Life I See

SERMON

Pastor Michael Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus challenged the rich man to sell what he had and give to the poor. He challenges us today to be generous in our giving, trusting God’s provision for our lives.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

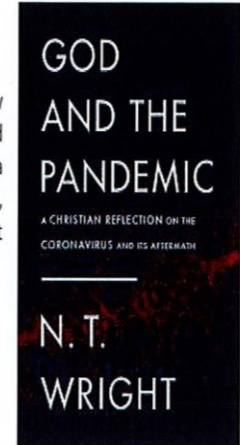
Woodbury UMC Adult Studies Fall 2021

***God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath* by NT Wright**

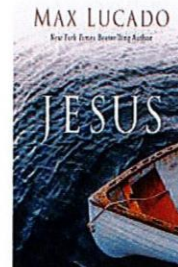
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus’ life in order to think differently about disaster and how to react to it.

Gain insight on these questions:

- What should be the Christian response?
- How should we think about God?
- How do we live in the present?
- Why should we lament?
- What should we learn about ourselves?
- How do we recover?



Classes meet Sunday mornings before worship – see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael for more information.



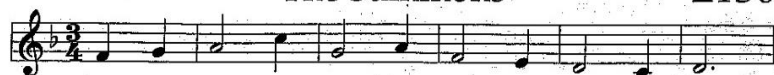
***Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado**

For thirty-three years Jesus felt everything you have ever felt. Weakness. Weariness. Sadness. Rejection. His feet got tired. And his head ached. He was tempted and his strength was tested. And you know why? Because in becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God. His tears, God’s tears. His voice, God’s voice. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus. Want to know what in the world God is doing? Ponder the words and life of Jesus.

Classes will meet Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm – for more information see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael

Books for both studies are available for purchase both in the church office as well as on line.

The Summons 2130



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er
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 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -
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 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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Week of October 10, 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 20th 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: *Carolyn Shay*, Liturgist and Reader, *Sue Vindigni*, Greeter and Usher; the *WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers.

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: