

# Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 30, 2020

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* Wesley  
Christopher Shay, keyboard

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.  
**We have responded to Christ's call to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

OPENING HYMN *I Am Thine, O Lord* Crosby/Doane  
Hymns sung by Venetia Phillippe

AN ACT OF CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Carolyn Shay

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Carolyn Shay, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by Carolyn Shay

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)  
*The New Life in Christ*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have

the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

*Peter's Declaration about Jesus*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

HYMN OF PREPARATION                      *Here I Am, Lord*                      Dan Schutte

SERMON    *The Church Will Never Die*                      Rev. Thomason

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY                                      *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*                      Caswall/Dykes

BENEDICTION    Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE    *Let There Be Peace on Earth*                      Jackson