

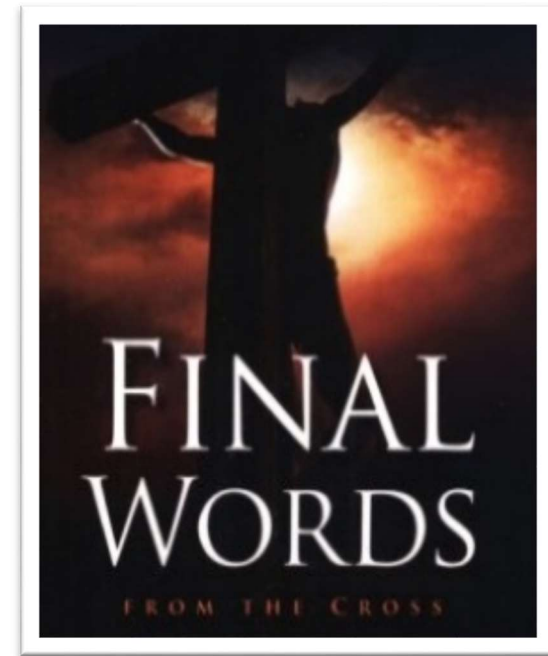


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Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 21, 2021

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Moonlight Sonata* Beethoven
Christopher Shay, piano

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Joann King, Liturgist
Isaiah 55:1; John 4:13-15

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may never be thirsty.”

*OPENING HYMN *Lead Me to the Cross* Brooke Fraser
Kate and Dylan Keeler

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND ACCEPT GOD’S PARDON

A LENTEN CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Thomason

A LITANY OF CONFESSION Mark 10:37-9a; Matthew 26:34-35

The disciples said to Jesus, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in glory.” But Jesus said to them, “Are you able to drink



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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

In the hospital: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Brett Toomes* (fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman*); *Sue Vindigni, Amber Craig; John Fleming; Josh Harwood; Gary McClendon; Steve Thomas; Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (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*); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

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. We are placing flowers on the altar again, so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied,
"We are able."

Jesus said to Peter, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." He said to Jesus, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

And so said all the disciples.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (silent)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Joann King

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Joann King

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE HEBREW PSALTER Psalm 69:3, 16-21

Read by Joann King

I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me. Draw near to me, redeem

me, set me free because of my enemies. You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor; my foes are all known to you. Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

*GOSPEL READING John 19:28-29 (NRSV)

When Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
Joann King and Paul Beavers, Sr.

SERMON *Final Words from the Cross: I Am Thirsty* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION from *Final Words*, by Adam Hamilton

Lord, be for me the source of Living Water. May my heart thirst after nothing as much as it thirsts after you. And may I, as one of your believers, extend water, both physical and spiritual, to all who are thirsty. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *This I Swear*
Composed and performed by Todd Purcell

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE *Blessed Peace* J. Brahms

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Week of March 21, 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 5th Sunday in Lent on the Christian calendar. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent serves as a season of spiritual preparation for celebrating Easter. The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing penitence and royalty.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Joann King*, Liturgist and Children's Time Leader; *Paul Beavers, Sr.*, *Dylan* and *Kate Keeler*, *Joann King*, and *Todd Purcell*, Singers/Musicians.

The floral tribute this week is given by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all who make our worship services possible."

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.