



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ [www.woodburyumc.net](http://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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## Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 20, 2021

Father's Day

***Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors***  
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# Woodbury United Methodist Church

**June 20, 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Father's Day**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Blessings* Laura Story

Sarah Kate Walkup

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Rod Carnes, Liturgist  
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, and seek 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 the 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 mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

\*OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Rod Carnes  
from *Worship and Song: Worship Resources*

**Almighty God, we acknowledge that change is bittersweet. In order to change we are forced to leave something behind and to embrace something new. Grant us the grace this day to do both with humility. Help us affirm the good things of our past as we lean into a future where there will also be good things. As we contemplate the changes**

**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#.

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## The Prayer Corner:

**In the hospital:** *Carol Hennessey*, surgery on June 18 at New Milford 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)

**Upcoming surgery:** *Linda Rockhill* (June 29 at Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center, Waterbury)

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

**Recovering at home:** *Liam McGrath*; *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *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*)

**Outpatient treatments:** *Dave Brencher*; *Bob Asman*; *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

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

**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*).



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*Kathy Craig, Office Administrator* *Mark Davis, 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.*

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### Week of June 20, 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 in the hallway at the top of the stairs.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Today is also Father's Day.** Observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June, Father's Day honors fathers and all men who assume a fatherly role. We hope you will cherish the special gift prepared by Worship Team member *Rynn Naylor*.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Rod Carnes*, Liturgist; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Kate Keeler*, *Sara Kate Walkup*, Singers/Musicians; *Kate Keeler*, Children's Time; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Altar flowers** are given this week by *Kate Keeler* and *Beth Rosenquist*, "to the glory of God and in celebration of their father, *Rev. John Thomason* on Father's Day and for his leadership while pastoring at the Woodbury United Methodist Church."

**that will come, remind us that all good things come from You. Today we commit ourselves to the necessary work ahead. Be present with us, work in us and through us, we pray. Amen.**

### WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Kate Keeler

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 1:3-11 (RSV)  
read by Rod Carnes

*Paul's Prayer for the Philippians*

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SERMON *In Remembrance of You* Rev. Thomason

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Rescue* Lauren Daigle  
Kate Keeler

A LITANY OF FAREWELL led by Rev. Thomason  
from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

I thank you, the members of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry and will pray for your new pastor, Michael Cobb.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

## WE GO FORTH IN JOY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) based on Hebrews 12:1-2  
from *Enter Every Trembling Heart*, by John Killinger

**I believe in God Almighty, who sets life before us as a course to be run and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment and has revealed in his resurrection the reward to those who finish the course;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run long distances, the wisdom to pace ourselves, and the love to respect all other runners;**

**I believe in the Church universal, that gives us a sense of fellowship as we run, and the feeling that if anything happens on the course, we shall be supported by those who care;**

**I believe in the Life Everlasting, where the course we have run in this life gives way to a course finer than any we have ever known, and where our spirits shall run with a grace and beauty we have not yet experienced;**

**I believe – and because I believe, I run better! Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

\*POSTLUDE *The Blessing* Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes  
Praise Team: Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler