

- **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#.

Save the Dates

Sunday, August 29, 2021 we will be worshipping at the pavilion in Hollow Park at 10:30 AM and continuing on with our annual picnic beginning immediately after worship until 3:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, games, food donations, and clean-up. See your Messenger for more details and there are sign-up sheets at the top of the stairs in the office hallway. We look forward to seeing you at the Hollow!

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – Rally Day – Watch your Messenger for more information.

THE PRAYER CORNER

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman's* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

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

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill*; *Carol Hennessey*; *Liam McGrath*; *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *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*; *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)



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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Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 15, 2021

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August 15, 2021
12th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Allemande from Partita #1 in B^b* J.S. Bach

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Lynne Ramsden

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Let us worship in wisdom and in truth.

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

Great are the works of our God—the wise take delight in them.

The works of the Lord are faithful and just.

Mighty are the precepts of our God—the wise regard them as trustworthy and true.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Blessed are the teachings of our God—the wise apply them in all things.

Come! Let us worship the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Hymns led by Joann King, Lynne Ramsden and Sherry Swanhall

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.*
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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NOTE: Summer hours (July & August) - Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM – 1 PM

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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 August 15, 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 12th 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: *Lynne Ramsden*, Liturgist and Reader, *Christine Smith*, Greeter and Usher; *Joann King*, *Lynne Ramsden*, and *Sherry Swanhall*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

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:

Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Cobb

Go forth and allow God's wisdom and understanding to guide your steps.
The fear of the Lord lights our path and illumines our path.

Go forth and let God's mercy and grace lead your way.
The blessing of the Lord sends us forth to be a blessing to the world.

Go with God.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Wallace Willis

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SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE NORTH GREEN

**REMINDER - our summer worship time is
at 9:30 AM.**

**Please remember to pre-register if you are planning
on attending.**

A Message from CRT. . .

Until further notice, please remember your mask to protect
yourself and others too!



Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Lynne Ramsden

Eternal God, source of wisdom and understanding, your ways lead the upright of heart. Give us wise and discerning minds, that we may seek your wisdom above earthly riches, as Solomon did after the death of his father, David. Grant us pure and unblemished souls that we may speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Be with us in this time of worship that we may learn to discern good from evil and seek to live our lives with your wisdom and your grace. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

read by Lynne Ramsden

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (NRSV)

So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment.

Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #451

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

Pastor Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Cobb

When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice. When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace as we collect today's offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

We Have Been Told

OFFERTORY PRAYER

led by Pastor Cobb

God of wisdom and understanding, send these gifts into the world, that they may become instruments of your grace; send this offering to your people, that it may become a source of your mercy. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your mighty Spirit. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!