

- **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*); *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)



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 8, 2021

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

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

Communion Sunday will be celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month.

If you cannot attend and would like to receive Communion, please be sure to let us know if you would like to pick up your package or if we can make a home delivery. We'd be happy to do so, if requested.

A Message from CRT. . .

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



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Church office hours: Tuesday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

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

Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

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Chris Shay, Director of Music

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.

Week of August 8, 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 Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 11th 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: *Barbara Etcheto*, Liturgist and Reader, *Carolyn Shay*, *Jennifer Labriola*, *Nora Perreault*, and *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Our floral tribute today was given by *the Hibbard family*, "to the glory of God and in celebration *Rebecca's* 19th Gotcha Day."

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:

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #1245 (TFWS)

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Cobb

Go forth from this place and imitate the Holy One in all you do.

We will live with love, speak with kindness, touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness, and build up the kingdom of God.

Go forth into the world and live in love, as Christ has lived in and through you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE

You are the Light of the World

S. Schwartz

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Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* Herold/Kingsley

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Barbara Etcheto

Come, children of God. Come and find refuge and strength.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Come, heirs with Christ. Come and find forgiveness and joy.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Come, people of faith. Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

*OPENING HYMN #369 *Blessed Assurance*
Hymns led by Carolyn Shay and Sarah Kate Walkup

Verse 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2: Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Verse 3: Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Barbara Etcheto

Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. Open our hearts anew to your kindness and love, your mercy and compassion, that we may know in our bones how much we are your beloved children. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

read by Barbara Etcheto

*Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51 (*NRSV*)

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty"

The people started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² So they said, "This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?"

Jesus answered, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. The prophets wrote, 'Everyone will be taught by God.' Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me. This does not mean that anyone has seen the Father; he who is from God is the only one who has seen the Father. I am telling you the truth: he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. But the bread that comes down from heaven is of such a kind that whoever eats it will not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever. The bread that I will give you is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live."

HYMN OF PREPARATION #364

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

SERMON

Pastor Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone

Jennifer Labriola, Nora Perreault, and Sarah Kate Walkup

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER