

Woodbury United Methodist Church



July 12, 2026

7th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill

Preview of *"Cry of My Heart"*

PRELUDE

"Your Grace is Enough"

M. Maher

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay Hockenberry, Liturgist
Adapted from Psalm 119

L: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

L: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

P: **Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

L: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

P: **I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH #454

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Florin

Gracious God, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your heart and love for us. God Incarnate, you were among us to show your unending, overflowing, infinite grace. And because you loved us first, we gather to praise you on your day, the Lord's Day. Make us hear your voice and stir our hearts anew through the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

UMC Discipleship Ministries

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones.

SILENT CONFESSION WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:1-11

SERMON "Roots & Fruits" Pastor Bill

*RESPONSE *"Cry of My Heart"* TFWs #2165

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"Good, Good Father"* Barrett & Brown
Eve Slifka, Peter Slifka, Sam Temple & Rod Carnes

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION UMC Discipleship Ministries

Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. You tell us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we cling to that good news with grateful hearts. As we bring these gifts, we set our minds on you — not on fear or self-interest, but on the life and peace you promise. Shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

UMH #600

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Your Grace is Enough" (Reprise)

M. Maher

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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.

Bill Florin, Pastor

Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders

Christopher Shay, Director of Music

Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant

COMMON LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR TODAY:

Genesis 25:19-34 | Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11 | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Jay Hockenberry

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser

Ushers and Greeters: Sandy Purdy and James Levario

Fellowship Time Host: Christine Smith

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR PLEASE COMPLETE A VISITOR'S

CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING. Our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are on the Foyer document table.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship downstairs. Invite someone new to you to join you!

VISION 2026 EMPHASIS TODAY is *Evangelism*. We consider one area weekly: Evangelism, Affirmation and Inclusion, Missions, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

SPECIAL MUSIC is offered through the summer until our choirs return in September. If you are interested in being one of our summer musicians, please speak with Minister of Music Christopher Shay today.

THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 12

9:30 AM Worship (Summer Schedule)

10:30 AM (approx.) Fellowship Time

MONDAY, JULY 13

OFFICE HOURS, 12 PM. – 5 PM., Church

MEET THE PASTOR GATHERING, 7-8 PM, Church

TUESDAY, JULY 14

PFLAG MEETING, 6 PM, Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM – 4 PM., Church

THURSDAY, JULY 16

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM – 4 PM, Church

MEET PASTOR BILL

Pastor Bill will be meeting with small groups of about an hour each. These will be informal sessions for Pastor Bill to get to know you and to listen to your viewpoints about WUMC and its mission in the community. Please sign up in the narthex for one of the four scheduled sessions, as follows: **Monday, July 13** at 7 PM; **Sunday, July 19** at 2 PM; **Sunday, July 26** at 2 PM; and **Monday, July 27** at 1 PM.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

- For Pastor Bill's ministry here at WUMC
- For our nation, its independence and freedom
- For Nancy Ossewaarde's healing from a GI issue
- For Mike Boisseau & Christa Fine in the preparations for their upcoming wedding
- For world peace
- For Mike Boisseau's former neighbor

- Gratitude for the prayers of healing for Emilie Cole's hand surgeries
- For Christine Smith's neighbor struggling with addiction
- For those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela
- For Shelley, member of the most recent Ecuador mission trip, who recently lost her son
- Thanksgiving for women's fellowship this past week at Lynne Ramesden- Calabrese's home
- For Ben, friend of Ken Burke, undergoing cancer treatment
- For safe and meaningful celebrations of America's 250th anniversary and guidance for our leaders
- For the continued violence around immigration enforcement
- For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia)
- Bishop Bickerton; our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; and the churches and clergy of the NY Conference
- For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, and Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter).

Prayer intentions will be shared for two weeks. If intentions should be continued beyond that time, please contact Matti Paparazzo in the church office (203.263.4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net).

ON-GOING MINISTRY

CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS are: Knorr Rice mixes, instant potatoes, pasta sauce, ramen, lentil, tomato and chicken and rice soup. Thank you in advance for your donations!

"I was hungry and you gave me food..." Jesus, Matthew 25:3

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Are you on our *"Living Through Grace"* weekly email? If not, please contact the Church Office at wumc@woodburyumc.net

Publication deadline for the weekly bulletin and *"Living through Grace"* e-newsletter is **10 a.m. THURSDAY.** Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have a special event, remembrance, or joy you would like to express through flowers for our worship service?

If so, contact Matti P. in the office at 203-263-4775 or by email at wumc@woodburyumc.net. We will include a message in the Sunday bulletin and the *"Living Through Grace"* weekly newsletter.



The Vision of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

Woodbury United Methodist Church Vision Statement

To be a more thriving, open-minded, spirit-filled Christian fellowship growing in faith, love, and service.

URGENT FOOD BANK NEEDS



Our shelves are getting extremely low,

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.

OUR MOST CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS:



INSTANT
POTATOES



SEASONED RICE
PACKETS



CANNED
MUSHROOMS



CANNED
BEETS



APPLESAUCE



BROTHS



JELLO MIX



PANCAKE MIX



INDIVIDUALLY
PACKAGED SNACKS



CANNED STEW
& CANNED CHILI



DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
DURING OUR REGULAR OPERATING HOURS:

- Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- Friday: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM



The food bank in
Woodbury
is located

BEHIND LABONNE'S.



*Thank you for supporting our community and helping
us keep our shelves stocked for those who need us most.*

PLEASE SHARE THIS POST
TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD.



*Love
Spoken
Here.*

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