

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 2, 2026

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Reflection on Come, Thou Fount"* Sandra Eithun
 Handbell Ensemble

CENTERING PRAYER (*unison*) UMBOW 473 (adapted)

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come, Creator, into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls as we worship you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* UMH #384

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 9:1-5*THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

THE SERMON “You Feed Them” Pastor Bill

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS THE PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"His Communion Sweet"* Edi Galusha
 Carolyn Shay, vocalist

*DOXOLGY *"Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION UMC Discipleship Ministries (adapted)

Attentive God, you see us as we are and meet us in the movement of our days. As we bring these gifts, shape our lives to reflect your righteousness: faithful in love, honest in action, steady in compassion. Open our eyes to behold your face in the neighbors we serve and the work we share. Let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek your presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – UMH 7-11

All are welcome to receive. Please follow the ushers' direction.

You may leave a gift for the pastor's discretionary fund if desired.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & PARDON

Pastor to People: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor (continuing):...as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

EPICLESIS: Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD & CUP – Response: **Amen**

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKS (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

UMH #629

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Love Lifted Me"

Sandra Eithun

Handbell Ensemble

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 32:22-31 | Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:13-21

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. We hope that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are on the document table in the Foyer.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship. Join us downstairs. Invite someone you don't know to join you!

VISION 2026 EMPHASES TODAY are *Missions*. 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).

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: James Levario

A.V. Tech: Christine Shupenis & Dan Guinipero

Fellowship Time Host: Christine Shupenis and Joann King

Ushers and Greeters: Sam Temple and Mollie Bodwell

LOOKING AHEAD

PFLAG meets Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC is offered through the summer until our choir's 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 AHEAD....

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (Summer Schedule)

10:30 AM (approx.) Fellowship immediately after worship

11:00 AM SPRC Meeting, Assembly Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM. – 4 PM., Church

SAFER SANCTUARIES MTG., 12:00 p.m., Assembly Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG., 4:00 p.m., Assembly Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM – 4 PM., Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

OFFICE HOURS, 10 AM – 4 PM, Church

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

- For Bob in good spirits after a medical procedure
- For the family of David Young and for Dane Guinipero in the loss of a young person too soon in a moped accident
- For the safe return of Barney, cat owned by John Ramesden
- For the tragic deaths in Maine and Texas due to ICE enforcement actions
- For Carol Quinby's friend Cylde suffering with pain due to prostate issues and for Cylde's nephew Rocco who had a heart attack

- For Sandy Purdy's friend Brian Higgins who passed away and his wife, Joann
- For Michael Pinevich's neighbor Bill Greene who fell off a ladder and broke 6 ribs
- For Lynne Ramsden's friend Karen and her husband Michael as he undergoes cancer treatment
- For Mike Boisseau & Christa Fine in the preparations for their upcoming wedding
- For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia)
- Bishop Bickerton; our 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 list? 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.



JOB POSTING FOR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

We have launched the search for our next office administrator for Woodbury UMC. This is a part-time position with a heavy focus on communications and technology. Key responsibilities include production of the weekly worship bulletin, weekly email newsletter (Living Through Grace), and PowerPoint slide decks for our worship services.

The candidate we choose will have MS Office, website updating, email messaging (Mail Chimp/Constant Contact), and other common technology skills. The candidate will also need strong verbal and written communication skills to ensure we are publishing error-free work, responding to phone calls and emails, and serving our community well.

The position is in person, with flexible daytime hours - 10 to 15 hours per week. Salary will be \$20-22/hr depending on experience and technical skills. We're moving quickly to fill this position, so please apply today.

HOW TO APPLY:

Send your resume and cover letter to wumc@woodburyumc.net. Thank you.

OFFICE HELP WHILE SEARCHING FOR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

The church office will be looking for help after Matti leaves on August 6 until the position is filled. Do you have time or talent that you can lend? Working knowledge of Microsoft Office is necessary for most tasks in addition to answering the phone and emails. Please speak with Pastor Bill or Christine Shupenis if you are interested in helping during this interim time. Thank you!

Getting in Touch with Pastor Bill

If you need to reach Pastor Bill quickly, the best way is with his dedicated number for voice calls and text messages. That number is 475-282-2800. You can also reach him through our church's email at Pastor@WoodburyUMC.net.

OPEN MIC:

AN EVENING TO INSPIRE HOPE



August 14 7-9 pm

Woodbury UMC * Fellowship Hall

- Music
- Singers
- Poetry
- Spoken Word

Free to attend

All are Welcome

Coffee & Treats

**MORE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE:**



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