

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 2nd, 2022

10:45 am

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Kevin McChesney

*A CALL TO WORSHIP FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

Today we gather around God's table from near and far

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

*OPENING HYMN *Baptized in Water* Gather Hymnal #798

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalter: Psalm 146 (KJV)

Gospel: *John 3:1-17 (KJV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let Us Break Bread Together*

UMH #618

SERMON

Rev. Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

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 PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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!
**In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Dona Nobias Pacem* UMH #376

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)
**Gracious God, thank you for these gifts.
We offer them to you and ask that you bless them,
that all may have food, clothing, and shelter.
We also offer you our very lives,
asking that you bless us and use us,
that all may come to know your steadfast love
and your unending grace.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people

to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,

and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in**

courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* UMH #605

BENEDICTION

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE In Thee, O Lord, Have I Put My Trust JS Bach

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Visitors are warmly welcomed!

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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.

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The floral chart is back in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date for flowers throughout the year. Flowers are \$30.

REMEMBER: If you don't have an occasion, you can donate and we will be sure to deliver them to one of our homebound people during that week. Call or email the office at (203) 263-4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 2nd
World Communion Day

Monday, October 3rd
Woodbury UMC SPRC

Thursday, October 13th
Church Council Meeting, 7pm

Sunday, October 16th
Intergenerational Worship, Woodbury UMC, 10:45am
Woodbury UMC Pet Blessing, 3:30pm

The Prayer Corner

In prayer, please remember the people of Ukraine; improving strength and health for Bill Wilhelms; Bob and Martha Asman; continued healing for Barbara Etcheto; Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto; continued healing and successful rehab for Erv Story; Linda Bailey; Anders, uncle of Diane Hibbard; Melissa, daughter Pete Vindigni; Aurelia (Watertown congregant); Bonnie Stevens; healing for Liam Shay, 4yr old grandson of Chris and Carolyn Shay; all those who suffer physical and mental challenges and may be experiencing anxiety and loneliness; protection for our church, our volunteers, and our congregants; people in Florida, Cuba, and Puerto Rico healing and recovering after being affected by the devastation of the recent hurricanes.

Member In Need

A Watertown congregant is seeking CDs or audio recordings of the Bible. If you own the Bible on CD or audio book and are willing to lend them, please contact Pastor Michael. Thank you.