



# Woodbury United Methodist Church

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Gaelic Blessing*

Rutter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

**Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,

**His marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92, v 1,2,4

\*OPENING PRAYER

Precious Lord, you have called us from the busyness of the world to a time of fellowship in your house. So, we gather this morning as your people, in the need of refreshment and in the desire to worship you. Allow us to experience the presence of your Holy Spirit, among us and within us. Let that inspiration be reflected in our music and in our prayers, in what we speak and in what we hear. We come with hearts and minds prepared for the renewing of our faith in you, O God.

Hear us now as we come together in the words of the prayer our Lord taught us:

THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)

**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.

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1: 4-7, 17-19

Epistle: Ephesians 2: 1-10

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let Us Plead For Faith Alone* UMH #385

SERMON      We've Been Framed      Bud Behlman, Lay Speaker

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God has blessed us with the glory of love and light, so God invites us to share these gifts to light God's world.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY      *Garden of Prayer*      Grier/Evanson

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      UMH #95

**WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, you have created all that we are and have provided all that we need. So, accept our offerings as praise and thanksgiving to you. Bless these gifts in such a way that they are purposeful in the building of your kingdom on earth, even in this very place and at this very time. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

**WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*CLOSING HYMN     *Standing On The Promises*     UMH #374

\*BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! **Amen!**

POSTLUDE             *Rejoice and be Glad*

Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

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**Visitors are warmly welcomed!**

**Thanks** to all those making special *contributions to our worship service today*; Jo Ann Behlman, *Liturgist*; Jay Hockenberry and Sandra Purdy, *Greeters and Ushers*; Shannon Cobb, *AV Technician*.

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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 Prayer Corner

*Our prayers continue for Bob Asman in this time of transition after Martha's passing; prayers for those who have lost loved ones to the gun violence in our country; Linda Baileys daughter Denise who was recently diagnosed with cancer; for the people of Ukraine.*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, April 22**

Fellowship Trip to Laurel Ridge Daffodil Field  
Meet at the Church, 9:30 AM  
Meet at the field, 10:00 AM  
66 Wigwam Rd. (Northfield) Litchfield

### **Sunday, April 23**

5-week in-person Ephesians  
Bible Study begins, 9 AM

### **Tuesday, April 25**

5-week online Ephesians Bible  
Study begins, via Zoom, 6:30 PM

### **Saturday, April 29**

Woodbury Earth Day  
Celebration, 11-4 PM  
WUMC Sponsored Booth

Connecticut District Conference  
West Hartford UMC  
Clergy, 10 AM-2:30 PM  
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### **Sunday, April 30**

5-week in-person Ephesians Bible  
Study begins, 9 AM

### **Woodbury Earth Day Festival**

Saturday, April 29, 11-4  
Join WUMC as we host a booth with  
a storytime & crafts at this town festival



If you can help with our booth, see Meg Temple

**Recyclables Needed:**  
White or colored paper  
and colorful magazine  
print.

A bin is in the lobby for  
donations.

Thank you!

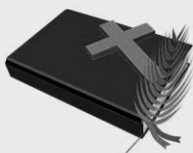
## Bible Study: Ephesians

Join us for an exploration  
of the Letter to the Ephesians

### 2 Class Options:

*In-Person*  
Sundays, 9 AM  
Beginning April 30

*Via Zoom*  
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM  
Beginning May 2



## Ecuador Mission Trip

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Thin Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Construction Paper
- Colored Paper
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Books - Basic English Reading
- Educational & Christmas Stickers
- Notebooks
- Children's Coloring Books
- Biblical Coloring Books



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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## MEDICAL SUPPLIES

NEEDED :

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Adult Doses
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Children's Doses
- Ibuprofen (Advil) Adult & Children's Doses
- Adult Multivitamins
- Children's Chewable Vitamins
- Clotrimazole (Topical)- i.e. Lotrimin, Mycelex, generic
- Hydrocortisone Cream (Topical)
- Triple Antibiotic Cream
- Famotidine - i.e. Pepcid
- Folic Acid
- Miconazole
- Voltaren (arthritis)