

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Ecuador 2023

Intergenerational Sunday
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Intergenerational Worship Service

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* UMH# 344
Carolyn

*OPENING HYMN *Dios es Bueno* (God is so Good)
Cristo me ama bien (Jesus Loves me)

*OPENING PRAYER

Querido Dios de todo, ayúdanos a ver el mundo a través de tus ojos. Ayúdanos a dejar a un lado nuestra clase y piel, nuestro hackeground y raza, conocer nuestra humanidad compartida y ver a un hermano o hermana en cada rostro. Ayúdanos a usar el perdón, a poner nuestro orgullo y dolor, a tratar de entender para que reine la paz y la reconciliación. Ayúdanos a sentir su compasión. Que tejemos nuevos hilos de gracia y hagamos que vivan semillas de esperanza. Ayúdanos a desempeñar nuestro propio papel pequeño, con actos de bondad y cuidado. Que nos levantemos como vuestros hijos, y busquemos lo que es justicia y justo y nos hagamos hacer nuevos lazos de confianza con los vecinos cercanos y lejanos, para que podamos ayudar a crear un mundo donde vivamos en paz. Amén.

Dear God of all, help us to see the world through your eyes without dividing lines. Help us to lay aside our class and skin, our background and race, to know our shared humanity, to see a brother or sister in every face. Help us to wear forgiveness, to lay down our pride and pain, to seek to understand so that peace and reconciliation reign. Help us to feel your compassion. May we weave new threads of grace and cause seeds of hope to live. Help us to play our own small part with acts of kindness and caring. May we arise as your

children and seek out what is justice and fair. Cause us to make new bonds of trust with our neighbors near and far to create a world where we live in peace. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ECUADOR 2023

Overview by Rev. Paul Hibbard
Mike Boisseau on Sports
Jay Hockenberry on Construction
Carolyn Shay on Medical
Special message from Sarah Flores

COMMISSIONING LITURGY

Pastor: There are different gifts, but the same Spirit that gives them. There are many ways to serve God, but the same Lord is served. Each one of us is given gifts by the Spirit to use for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually we are members of that body.

Team members come forward.

Pastor: Family and friends, I present to you those whom God has called to represent our congregation in this mission project. Mission team, I present to you those who will support you as you go out. They believe your mission is important, and they trust that God will be with you as you complete it.

Meg Temple: In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us to go and make disciples. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus calls us to go and tell the good news to everyone, everywhere. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with us. And in the gospel of John, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you" (20:21). What is a mission? It is sending forth people to serve. God sends people on a mission.

What is a commission? It is granting authority, allowing us to act on behalf of another. God commissions people to go.

You, as a team and as individuals, are sent forth by God to a specific

service.

You, as a team and as individuals, are sent with a commission from God to go and act on God's behalf.

You, as a team and as individuals, will demonstrate Christ's teachings by loving one another.

You, as a team and as individuals, will serve faithfully to bring honor and glory to God.

SCRIPTURE

Team member: Isaiah 6:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Meg Temple: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor: Guiding and loving God, empower these people to be your hands and feet. Help them to glorify you by serving others. Send them into the world to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and warm those who are cold. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion for rescuing your people. Protect them, teach them, and support them as they become the people you want them to be. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and enable them to complete their tasks faithfully and joyfully. Bring them safely home and then let their experiences further enrich us, so that we too may glorify you by sharing the love of Christ. Give this team strength, wisdom, and love to work for you as they serve. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is with us in amazing and powerful ways, bringing love and new hope into the world. In our giving this morning, our joy overflows in generosity.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If My People

Jimmy Owens

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, teach us how to listen for your call in our lives. Teach us how to be faithful stewards with the gifts you have entrusted to us. Teach us how to use this offering as a source of your ministry and mission. In the name of the greatest teacher, Emmanuel, we pray.

Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

God is here.

We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God
who has done so much for us.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you
that you are as close to us as breath,
that your love is constant and unending.
We thank you for all that sustains life,
and especially for Jesus Christ,
who teaches us how to live out
an ethic of justice and peace,
and for the promise of transformation
made manifest in his life, death and resurrection.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

All the good we see comes from you.

You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.

You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

He died for us on the cross
so that through your Spirit
we can all be your people.
And so with thanks we praise you.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

We are here because on the night before he died
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

There he took some bread
and gave thanks to you, God.

He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.

"This is my body," he said.

"Do this, and know that I am with you."

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.

He shared it with them, and said

"This is my blood, which brings new life.

Do this, and know that I am with you."

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Help us care for your world and for each other
in the way that Jesus showed us.

Until he comes again,
with all your people
in every time and every land
we worship you and say:

We praise you.

We thank you.

We bless you.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope.

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 GO FORTH IN JOY

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Pass It On

UMH 572

*BENEDICTION

Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.

Lay aside the works of darkness

and put on the armor of light.

Live honorably,

fulfilling the law through love for all.

And may God mark you out for salvation;

May Christ Jesus be present among you always,

And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another
and fulfil the law of love among you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
..... **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Andaluza

Enrique Granados

*Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship and conversation
as we enjoy lunch together.*

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*Please stand as you are able.

Visitors are warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all those making special *contributions to our worship service today;*
Barbara Etcheto and Mollie Bodwell, *Greeters and Ushers;* & Shannon Cobb,
AV Technician.

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 comfort For Alan and Barbara Rego and family in the passing
of Alan's mother, Sarah Rego. Linda Bailey's daughter Denise who was recently
diagnosed with cancer*

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 8

Bishop Bickerton's Visit with the Connecticut District
First Meriden UMC
Dinner 6 PM & Discussion 7 PM

Saturday, May 13

Youth Event, @ The Cave
Meet @ WUMC, 2pm



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)



Bible Study: Ephesians

Join us for an exploration
of the Letter to the Ephesians

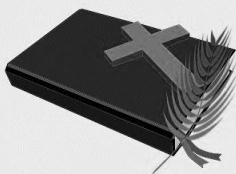
2 Class Options:

In-Person

Sundays, 9 AM
Beginning April 30

Via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Beginning May 2



If you would like more info about the study please see Bud Behlman

New York Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race

Anti-Racism Trainings: Lessons for Advocates, Allies and the Unaware



**Get the Tools You Need to Become a
Real Change Agent**

Learn more on www.nyac.com/ccorr-training-events

Anti-Racism Trainings Available Online

Please register for the upcoming workshops hosted by the New York Annual Conference as we seek to be a critical part of your journey toward advocacy, alliance, and fuller awareness as we aim to quash and begin eradication of the sin of racism in our midst. The first class is May 24 & 25 from 9am-12:30pm and the second is June 14 & 15 from 9am-1pm. You can sign up online. Registration is limited.

Have you registered for Dinner and Conversation with Bishop Bickerton on Monday, May 8, 2023?

We're literally just days away from Bishop Bickerton's time with our district and we want to offer our bishop a warm Connecticut welcome!

We've planned a wonderful evening for you with dinner from 6-7:00pm and time with Bishop for conversation and questions immediately afterward, starting at 7:00pm sharp.

Details are below

If you've yet to sign up, please do so as soon as possible. And please come prepared to engage in a dynamic question and answer session on a range of hot topics, including:

- The state of The United Methodist Church;
- The state of the NYAC;
- 2023 Annual Conference; and much more.

Rev. Doris Dalton – our NYAC Director of Leadership Development and Intercultural Competency and resident expert on Cooperative Parish Ministry – will also be on hand to discuss best practices, offer tools and tips for future success with your Cooperative Parish ministries, and answer any questions you may have.

DATE: Monday, May 8, 2023

TIME: 6-7:00(Dinner) 7:00-8:30 (A Conversation with Bishop Bickerton)

PLACE: Meriden: First UMC
159 East Main Street
Meridian, CT 06450

All attendees will receive a special gift!



WUMC YOUTH GROUP
**LASER FUN
PARTY**
Saturday, May 13, 2023
The Cave - 13 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801

MEET AT WUMC - 2PM
We will meet at the church & carpool to the Cave for fun.
Afterwards we will have dinner at
The Blue Colony Diner in Newtown

Cost: \$45 Apprx
(\$23 Laser Activities & \$15-20 for Dinner)
Financial Assistance is Available if Needed

RSVP TO CATHERINE @ 203-707-6571

Sermon Series: Black Panther / Wakanda Forever May 21 & May 28



This two-part exploration of themes in two of the most popular Marvel films finds some surprisingly big idea being explored:

What are our responsibilities to one another? Is it inevitable that we will repeat the pattern set generations before us? or are we able to help bring about a better future for those who come after us?

Join us for worship as we tackle these big questions and enjoy some superhero action! You don't need to have seen either movie for these sermons to resonate with you – but if you've been meaning to see either of these, this gives you a good excuse. Both films are available on Disney Plus, trailers for both films are available on YouTube.