

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, July 23, 2023
9:30 AM Worship

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Jeff Hunt, Liturgist

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

TFWS 2236

OPENING PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

HYMN OF PREPARATION *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

UMH 418

SERMON

Rev. Miller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to add your own prayers, silent or spoken, in the silence following each petition.

Following each prayer is said:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayers

THE LORDS PRAYER

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 RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"A Farmer in a Field"* Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Creator of the intertwined,
you made us all unique:
each one with ears to hear faith's call,
each one with a voice to speak.**

**We offer now our financial resources for your work in the world.
Along with this money, we offer our unique gifts and skills,
interests and longings, trusting that you will weave something
magnificent out of all that we offer.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *"Love Divine all Loves Excelling"* UMH 384

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Thanks to all those making special *contributions to our worship service today*; Jeff Hunt *Liturgist*; Gillian Griswold and Joann King, *Greeters and Ushers*

The Prayer Corner

Our prayers for God's comfort and healing for Linda Bailey's daughter, Denise;; for an end to the war in the Ukraine; for peace and comfort for Brigitte Weimann; healing for Lou Calabrese after his recent surgery.

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.

Rev. Herb Miller, Pastor

Meg Temple, Lay Leader

Chris Shay, Director of Music

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Meet and Greets with Pastor Herb

Saturday, July 29

3 mile hike at Audubon Bent of the River, 9am

Wednesday, August 2

Woodbury Park and Rec concert

Please RSVP to Christine Shupenis

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