

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, September 3, 2023  
10:30 AM Worship

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\*Please stand as you are able.

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### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *Prelude from the Bb Partita*

CALL TO WORSHIP:    Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

**Let us recognize God's presence with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:

**let us worship God together.**

\*OPENING HYMN              *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH #582

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-2

Matthew 16:21-28

HYMN OF PREPARATION              *The Summons*                      TFWS 2137  
Verses 2,3,4

SERMON    Rev. Miller

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Following each prayer is said:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord's 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     *Would I have answered when You called*     TFWS 2130  
Verses 1,2,5

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE     UMH #95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples,  
we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.  
Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.  
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your  
followers.**

**Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in  
your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it  
is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving     UMH page 9

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.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion and concludes:  
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.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper  
is recalled. The pastor concludes:  
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 they mystery of faith.*

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

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit concluding:  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.***

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** *(We will receive communion today at the  
rail. As space is available you are welcome to kneel or stand at the altar rail. After  
you have received the bread a cup you are welcome to remain in prayer or return to  
your pew)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*CLOSING HYMN      *I have decided to walk with Jesus*      TFWS 2129

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Gigue from the Bb Partita*

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

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**Visitors are warmly welcomed!**

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today; Rynn Naylor, Liturgist; Gillian Griswold and Joann King, Greeters and Ushers; Mark Davis, AV Tech

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### **The Prayer Corner**

*Payers for peace in the Ukraine, and all the Korean peninsula; for all of those who have lost so much wildfires in Maui and for the volunteers who are helping; for healing for Pat and strength and comfort for her husband Ed (neighbors of the Behlman's and friends of our church); for our students and the staff who have returned to school for a productive, safe, and happy school year For our church as we move into this church year, that God's grace and love will guide us in all that we do.*

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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.*

*Rev. Herb Miller, Pastor  
Meg Temple, Lay Leader  
Christopher Shay, Director of Music  
Matti Paparazzo, Administrative Assistant*

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

Bell choir rehearsals resume 6:00-7:10

Choir rehearsals resume 7:15-8:15

Questions or looking to join? Talk to Chris Shay or Barb Hunt

#### **Sunday, September 10**

Welcome Back Sunday

## Altar Flowers

As we resume our normal worship time, you can once again order flowers to be placed on the altar as a celebration of someone you love. Any flower orders can be submitted to Matti in the office. All flowers are \$30, and we will include your message in the bulletin.

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## Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Woodbury UMC works with other volunteers on each Friday in September. There are signup sheets in the Narthax and the Vestible outside the church office.

Volunteers are asked to work from 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you think you can give sometime on one of these Fridays, please sign up.

For any questions, contact Rynn Naylor at [xdf45cat@gmail.com](mailto:xdf45cat@gmail.com) or 860-417-9808

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**  
**10:30AM**

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL & CHURCH YEAR. OUR YOUTH WILL BE USHERING AND READING DURING THE SERVICE. AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FEATURING ICE CREAM FLOATS WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP.



## Would I Have Answered When You Called



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have  
 an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by  
 crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y  
 all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -  
 ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -  
 hill I saw a cross a - gainst the  
 cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have  
 ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where  
 sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and  
 praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -  
 home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would  
 left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with  
 fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?  
 not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?  
 crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?  
 yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.



Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

## The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



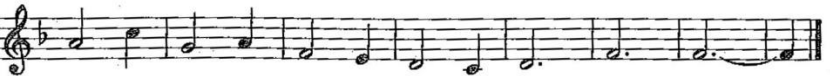
your name? — Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you  
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you  
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -  
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my  
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —