

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday Sept 24, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Come Ye sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH 340

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 20:1-16**

SERMON

Rev. Miller

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN "A Man Owned a Vineyard"
to the tune of "To God Be The Glory"

1. A man owned a vineyard and needed a crew
To tend to his land — there was plenty to do.
He called out to people downtown in the square,
"Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."
God, you call and you send; there is work here to do.

There's your whole world to tend; may we garden for you!
O Lord, in your vineyard may we seek to be
The workers who tend to your justice and peace.

2. He went back a number of times on that day;
He called to new workers and promised fair pay.
Can we but imagine those first workers' rage
When all those who labored received the same wage?
God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a surprise.
For your mercies embrace even latecomers' lives.
May all who have worked long and hard humbly learn:
Your grace is a gift and not something we earn.

3. He called the complainers and said, "This is true —
That I kept my word and I gave you your due.
I share with compassion; I'm loving and kind.
I care for all people and give what is mine!"
God you give what is yours, more than what we deserve;
May we reach out in love where you call us to serve.
May we who have witnessed your grace gladly share
Your justice and love with your world everywhere.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sonata Opus 13 in C Minor Beethoven

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Visitors are warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship
service today; Sherry Swanhall, Liturgist; Barbara Etcheto and Jay
Hockenberry, Greeters and Ushers; Mark Davis, AV Tech

The Prayer Corner

Prayers for the people and relief efforts in Libya, Morocco, and Maui; for peace in the Ukraine; for Sharon Story, and for her family for healing from their medical challenges; for healing for Pat, a friend of our church; for successful surgery and healing for Carolyn, a friend a Jane Hutter's; for God's guidance and direction as we enter a new church year at WUMC.

Altar Flower Dedication

Altar flowers this week are given by Sharon Story in honor and memory of the Story and Loughman families.

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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of the Animals, @ 10:30am

Service will be outside, please dress appropriately

**Pet foods and monetary donations to the Woodbury Food Bank
for pet foods will be collected at the service**

Saturday, October 21

WUMC Pasta Supper, @ 4:30pm

Bible Study is happening now. If you have an interest in joining you can see Pastor Herb. The study will run until the very end of October (30 for in person, 31 for zoom).

SAVE YOUR BOXES!

DONATE YOUR CARDBOARD

THE WUMC IS COLLECTING 2X3 PIECES OF CARDBOARD TO MAKE WITTY TOMBSTONES FOR DISPLAY ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT TURNING OUR LAWN INTO A FUN CEMETERY FOR KIDS TO NAVIGATE TO GET THEIR CANDY!



COLLECTION BEGINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 JUST
OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

Piano Recital

Christopher Shay

Bach B flat Partita

Beethoven Pathetique Sonata

Debussy Suite Bergamasque

Chopin Ballade No. 3

Sunday, Oct 15 3:00



Heritage Village Activities Building
11 Heritage Way, Southbury
Tickets \$10 (203) 217-8201

BLESSING Of the ANIMALS



OCTOBER 1 - 10:30 am - on the church lawn.

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4 Church Street at (Main Street)

*Bring your pets, pictures or stuffed
animals to be blessed*

Questions?

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