

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday October 15, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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Laity Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude

Gale Barna, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bud Behlman, Liturgist

In the midst of fear and anger; in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God call us.

**With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?
We're busy, we will get around to eating eventually.**

In the midst our anxiety, our worry; in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.

We are tempted to just grab a bite between errands and checking email or working today's project.

The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!

We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy.

How will we respond?

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into your presence, saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare, a feast of love and mercy for the body and the soul. We come with joy to meet you here, to eat and drink at your table, to taste and see your goodness, to celebrate

your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in Your presence.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, we offer You the words of the prayer taught by You Son:

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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14,
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Following each lesson is said:

This Scripture is the feast of Wisdom
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *“Trust and Obey”* UMH #467

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:1-15

SERMON

Rynn Naylor

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Come and Find the Quiet Center”* TFWS 2128

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *"I Jesus I Have Promised"* UMH# 396

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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; Bud Behlman, Liturgist; Sandra Purdy and Carol Quinby, Greeters and Ushers; Mark Davis, AV Tech

The Prayer Corner

Prayers for peace in Ukraine; for healing for Pat, a friend of our church; for healing for Christine Smith; prayers for a resolution to the conflict in the between Israel and Palestine; for safe return of the people taken hostage; for safe travels for Matti as she heads to Florida this week.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 19

Church council meeting, @ 7pm

Saturday, October 21

WUMC Pasta Supper, @ 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 31



Halloween Trick or Treating, @ 4:30pm

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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Piano Recital

Christopher Shay

Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin

Sunday, Oct 15 3:00



Heritage Village Activities Building

11 Heritage Way, Southbury

Tickets \$10 475f 237-0586



PASTA SUPPER

Saturday

October 21st

4:30-6:30 PM

4 Church St. Woodbury
Corner of N. Main & Church St.

(203) 263-4775

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Italian-style pasta, penne or spaghetti, topped with homemade meat sauce or marinara, and an extra-large meatball, bread, salad, dessert & beverage.

\$16 Adults \$10 Seniors

\$5 Kids - 12 yrs. & Under

\$40 Family of 4

**TAKE
OUT
ALSO
AVAILABLE**





TRICK OR TREATING WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT
THE TREATS!



WE ARE COLLECTING CANDY FROM OCTOBER 5TH TO
OCTOBER 31ST. CANDY COLLECTION BOXES ARE LOCATED
IN THE NARTHEX AND DOWNSTAIRS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

We are also accepting monetary donations for cider. You can
leave any donations in a marked envelope in the office or the
collection plate.