

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday October 29, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "A Place at the Table" Shirley Murray

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Joann King, Liturgist

Come, you who've been wounded, all you who've lost hope.

Come, you who are brimming with joy.

Come, you who are longing for what ...you do not know.

Come, you hungry for justice, aching for heaven on earth

Come, you who who've been tossed aside and don't remember what you are worth.

We come as we are.

We come weary, to lay our burdens down.

We come with thanksgiving, lifting our hands in praise.

We come as we are, bringing our hopes,

Bringing our doubts and our scars.

Come, you who've been cast out, all you who've been shamed.

Come, you who have found new life filling each day.

Come, you who are looking for that mystery you can't name

Come, crying for mercy, hoping for peace on earth,

Come, carrying questions, searching for a truth that will hold.

We come as we are.

We come weary, to lay our burdens down

We come with praise, lifting our hands in joyful thanksgiving

We come as we are, bringing our hopes,

Our doubts and our scars.

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All you misfits and prophets and you sinners and saints,

All you broken and needy, weird, and weary, and faint.
Come, all who seek to simply open their eyes
Or who need to find a safe place to cry.

**We come as we are.
We come weary, to lay our burdens down.
We come with praise, lifting our hands in joyful thanksgiving.
We come as we are, bringing our hopes,
Our doubts and our scars.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Sing Praise to God Who reigns Above"* UMH #126

OPENING PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Leviticus 19:1-5, 9-18

Following each lesson is said:

This Scripture is the feast of Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

TFWS #2171

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

The Rev. Herb 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Days of Elijah"* Robin Mark

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* UMH #133

*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; Joann King, Liturgist; Gillian Griswold and Jay Hockenberry, Greeters and Ushers; Mark Davis, AV Tech

