

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday November 19, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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Stewardship Sunday

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *"Da Pace Domine"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP    Carolyn Shay, Liturgist

Leader: Blessed be the name of God  
from this time on and forevermore.

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of God is to be praised.**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: To declare your steadfast login the morning,  
and you faithfulness by night.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *"We Gather Together"*                      UMH #131

OPENING PRAYER

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM                      *"Give Thanks"*                      Smith/Wilson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING    Amos 5:18-24

*Following each lesson is said:*

This Scripture is the feast of Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    *"Come, Ye Thankful People. Come"*

UMH #694

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13

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 (unison)

**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

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND  
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGE CARDS

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

\*DEDICATION OF THE STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Leader: Creator of all, the earth is yours,  
the world and all who live in it.

**People: You bless us each day.**

Leader: You have entrusted us with the gifts of time, talent, energy,  
and income, which can be used for building your kingdom.

**People: We commit to using the gifts you have given us as  
faithfully as we can.**

Leader: The cards which we have brought forward represent our  
lives, they represent our dreams.

**People: They are but tokens of our thanks for all the gifts that you  
have given to us.**

Leader: They are signs of our appreciation for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

**People: May our financial gifts be used to make this church a place of welcome, a refuge in the storm, a focus for faith, a house for worship, a portal of peace, a fountain of forgiveness, a school for learning, a resource for equipping, and a center for mission. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH IN JOY

\*CLOSING HYMN “*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*”

\*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; Carolyn Shay, Liturgist; Mollie Bodwell and Carol Quinby, Greeters and Ushers; Mark Davis, AV Tech

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### The Prayer Corner

*Prayers for peace in the Middle East; prayers for peace between the Ukraine and Russia; prayerful consideration for our stewardship gifts this Sunday; safe travels for everyone traveling over this next holiday week; continued prayers for healing for Christine Smith after her hip surgery.*

