

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 23, 2024

Pentecost 5

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* Martin/Cruger

*CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Galloway, Liturgist

L: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

P: *Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.*

L: We worship you today, the Eternal God, beyond all Time and Space.

P: *We worship you today, in Whom eternity is promised.*

**ALL: WE WORSHIP YOU TODAY, O GOD: OUR GUIDE, OUR
HOPE, AND OUR ETERNAL HOME.**

*HYMN *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* UMH #117

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*)

O God, in mystery and silence and in fanfare and celebration, you are present in our lives. You bring life out of endings and growth in all seasons of change. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give to us all. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Ruth Duck, UM Book of Worship, edited

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. We ask that you forgive our failings, not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE		II Corinthians 6:1-13
*THE GOSPEL		Mark 4:35-41
*PREPARATION HYMN	<i>"To God Be the Glory"</i>	UMH #98
THE SERMON	<i>"Trainsition"</i>	Pastor Brian Bodt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"Life's Railway to Heaven"* E.R. Snow and M.E. Abbey
Pastor Brian Bodt, Baritone

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE UMH #94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts, praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *"Marching to Zion"* UMH #733

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Recessional 1988"* Robert J Hughes

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

OUR GUEST MUSICIAN TODAY is Gale Barna. Gale retired from teaching music at Sandy Hook Elementary School. She was also organist at the Bridgeport Cathedral. She currently serves part time at St Teresa's Church in Woodbury. We are grateful to Gale for helping us out today. Christopher Shay will return next Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Please join us downstairs! Don't know the way? Follow the crowd!

A WARM WELCOME to Mark and Cathy Riefenhauser and Sharon Story, who became members of our church last Sunday. See details in last Thursday's "Living Through Grace".

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Carol Galloway

Mark Davis, AV Tech

Fellowship Time Host: Christine Shupenis

Greeters and Ushers: Gillian Griswold and Mollie Bodwell

NEXT SUNDAY

The sermon "*Just Do It*" is a message on stewardship based on Psalm 130 and II Corinthians 8:7-15. Catherine Mason and Pastor Brian will present a report on the 225th Session of the New York Annual Conference.

Our Community Prayers

Prayers for our new members joining last Sunday: Sharon Story and Mark and Cathy Riefenhauser; for Pastor Brian and Carol's 12th wedding anniversary today; for victims of conflicts in the Middle East, the Ukraine and the Sudan; for those facing life stress, and for our congregation's forward momentum.

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.

*The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor
Christopher Shay, Director of Music*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*