

Woodbury United Methodist Church



October 13, 2024

Pentecost 21

10:30 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

"Be Still, My Soul"

Jean Sibelius

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122:1, 6-7, 9

L: I was glad when they said to me,

P: *"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

P: *"May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."*

L: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

P: *I will seek your good.*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*HYMN

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

UMH #129

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*) Adapted from Psalm 121

O Lord, our help comes from you, who made heaven and earth. We lift our eyes to you in worship today. You always watch over us. Grant that you will keep us from evil and harm this day, keeping our spiritual walk faithful to you, especially through Jesus, whose prayer book these psalms are. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Adapted from Psalm 32

O God, help me acknowledge my sin so that I might resolve with the psalmist "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." For happy indeed are those whose transgression is forgiven. By confession we open our hearts to Your forgiveness and your promise that steadfast love surrounds those who trust in You. Let us so confess. Let us so trust. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 23-24

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH #420

THE SERMON

"Mirror to Your Soul"

The Rev. Garrett Walkup

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Blessings"

Laura Story

Sarah Kate Walkup and the Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #587

"Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in thy hand."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

UMH #128

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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*

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!
IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Brian Bodt.

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Grace Walkup AV Tech: Mark Davis
Fellowship Time Host: Carol Quinby
Greeters and Ushers: Paul Hibbard and Rynn Naylor

VISION 2024 EMPHASIS TODAY is "*Spiritual Wellness.*" Each week we emphasize one of the four focus areas: Evangelism, Missions, Communications and Congregational Vitality and Growth, the latter with three subsets: Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities. Please consider helping move forward **VISION 2024!**

TODAY'S PREACHER is the Rev. Garrett Walkup, well known to this congregation. He serves as Pastoral Care and Bereavement Coordinator for RVNA health. He and his family live in Woodbury.

PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL are worshipping at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church today where he is baptizing his granddaughter, Grace Lillian Bodt, daughter of Daniel and Melisa. Pastor Brian will return for tonight's final study of Tell It Like It Is.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS, the Lillian Daniels book that is the basis for our fall study on "testimony," concludes this afternoon, 5 - 6:30 p.m. A light supper will be provided. Please see Barb Hunt for more details.

IF YOU DIDN'T REGISTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, PLEASE DO. Call 203.263.4775 and leave a voicemail or register on-line at www.woodburyumc.net and click on the registration tab.

WOODBURY UMC NOTECARDS depicting the front doors of our church are available, \$10 for 5 cards and envelopes. **FOR TODAY ONLY**, text or call Pastor Brian at 203.747.1781 and he can have cards here for you tonight. Proceeds benefit the 200th Anniversary.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are Wednesdays: Bell Choir at 6 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7:15 p.m., both in the sanctuary. "*Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...!*" (Ephesians 5:19). Contact Chris Shay (203.592.8659 or 2cshay@gmail.com).

COLLEGE CONNECTION UPDATE: We have the names and addresses of 9 post-secondary school students. Thank you for your submissions. We *now* ask that you include them in your prayers.

Our church will mail each of these students a small gift card. We need **7 more** gift cards. A recommended amount is \$15.00. If you are able to donate a gift card please let me know by seeing me in church or at my contact below. Donation collection will end next Sunday, October 20th. Carol Galloway, carol9996@hotmail.com

A LITURGIST is sought for December 15. **I also have a reader for November 24th but misplaced the name.** If you are that person, please let me know. Please contact me at 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com to read in December. *Pastor Brian*

THIS WEEK

TODAY, OCTOBER 13

"TESTIMONY" COURSE, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ZOOM MEETING, 7 p.m.

(Zoom link in your email of Mon., Sept. 9 at 9:58 p.m. from Mark Davis and Thursday, Oct. 10 at 9:41 a.m. from Barb Hunt)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

CHURCH COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9 – 10:30 a.m., church grounds

NEXT SUNDAY

"200 Years in this place, united by God's grace" is the theme of our 200th Anniversary celebration. Worship at 10:30 a.m. will include a letter from Bishop Bickerton read by our Assistant to the Bishop, an original hymn, music by trumpet, Bell Choir and Chancel Choir, and the message *"(Faith, Hope and) Love Spoken Here."* Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., tree planting and dedication and prayer bench rededication at 12:15 p.m., dessert and closing remarks at 12:45 p.m. with event concluding by 1:30 p.m. Register at www.woodburyumc.net. In addition to our regular offering, we will receive an offering for Hurricanes Helene and Milton relief through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, of which Bishop Bickerton is the President.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE WOODBURY

FOOD BANK. Bring these any Sunday morning or any Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Items most needed for the next two weeks are:**

Kid's snacks

Pudding cups

Canned pears

Box cereal

Fruit cocktail

OPEN MINISTRY POSITIONS: Prior to the Nominating Committee meeting of October 10th we had openings for a Church Council Secretary, Finance Chair, Stewardship Chair, two openings for a three-year term on Staff-Parish Relations and two specialized positions in website and social media on Communications. Details, including position descriptions and current leaders, were provided in the October 3rd and 10th issues of "*Living Through Grace.*" If interested, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Bud Behlman, Barb Hunt, Jeff Hunt, Chris Shay, Christine Shupenis, Meg Temple or me. Please reach me for their contacts (203.747.1781; pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com)

Pastor Brian Bodt

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be October 27 at 10:30 a.m. We will confirm two of our church's youth, Liam McGrath and Esther Lin, a spiritually important step in their faith journey and a time of great celebration for these two young people who will become the newest members of our church. **Please make every effort to attend the service and welcome them during Fellowship Time.**

WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS AVAILABLE: Several window air conditioning units are offered free of charge to anyone who requests them. Contact Pastor Brian at his contacts below.

REACH PASTOR BRIAN at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781 when folks are sick or in need of pastoral care. Want a visit? Please let him know. He'd love to meet with you!

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held Sunday, November 10, 2 p.m. at Bethel U.M. Church, 141 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel. Election of 2025 church officers, Trustees and committees; setting pastoral compensation for 2025; approval of a draft 2025 budget. All welcome with vote reserved to members of Woodbury UMC.

DID YOU KNOW that we are paying our monthly New York Conference apportionments in full each month, instead of waiting until the end of the year? These funds allow our United Methodist mission and ministry to be effective far beyond Woodbury. Thanks to Mark Davis, our Finance Committee and Church Council for their effective stewardship of your giving.

Are you on our “*Living through Grace*” weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net. She’ll get you on!

Publication deadline for the weekly bulletin and “*Living through Grace*” e-newsletter is **10 a.m. THURSDAY.** Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WOODBURY, CONNECTICUT
ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCES**

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 3rd. It is my intent that names to be remembered be PUBLISHED, which requires submission in advance of the day.

There will be two categories of remembrance: the traditional listing of those who have died since the last All Saints (November 1, 2023) and those whose death preceded that date.

Please return the form below in the offering plate, to the church office, or to my in-office mailbox **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.** Thank you in advance for your assistance in remembering the saints departed. *Pastor Brian Bodt*

NAME IN MEMORY: _____

(Please print clearly as you wish the name to appear.)

DATE OF DEATH: _____

(If unsure, an approximate year is sufficient.)

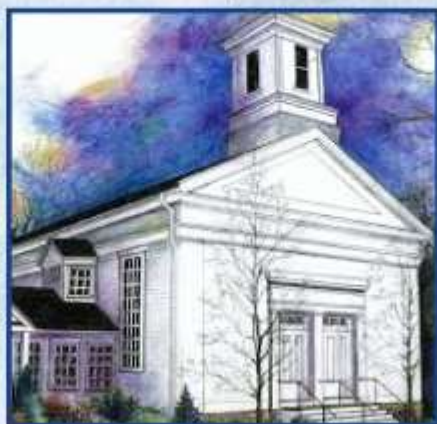
PERSON REQUESTING: _____

RELATION TO THE PERSON IN MEMORY:

*(son or daughter, parent, sibling, friends and co-workers,
cousin, aunt and uncle, grandparents, etc.)*

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

200 YEARS IN THIS PLACE, UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4 CHURCH STREET, WOODBURY

10:30 AM
FESTIVE WORSHIP WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

11:30 AM
CATERED LUNCH, DISPLAY OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS,
& VIDEO PRESENTATION OF HISTORY

12:15 PM
RECOGNITION OF MINISTRIES, REDEDICATION OF PRAYER BENCH,
TREE PLANTING, & DESSERT

PLEASE RSVP AT WWW.WOODBURYUMC.NET

EXTRA PARKING AT NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
11 MAIN STREET NORTH, WOODBURY STARTING AT 11:30 AM



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