

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Worship

*THE GOSPEL John 4:5-42
*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH #299
THE SERMON "Gatorade for the Soul" Pastor Brian Bodt

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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Sojourner Truth

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "On Eagles Wings" arr. Mark Hayes
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

*HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" arr. Young

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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.

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH! IF YOU ARE A VISITOR PLEASE COMPLETE A VISITOR'S CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING. Our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON, along with **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**, are available on the document table in the Foyer.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship downstairs. Invite someone new to you to join you!

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS are offered after worship in the Assembly Room.

VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY is "*Spiritual Wellness.*" Emphases are Evangelism, Missions, Affirmation and Inclusion, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS remain available on the document table in the Foyer. Thanks to all our contributors and the devotional editor, Bud Behlman, for this spiritual resource.

NOTICES

LENT ON THE ROAD, an ecumenical Lenten fellowship and worship experience, continues this Tuesday, March 10 at St. James' Lutheran Church, 111 Peter Road, Southbury. These services continue at different churches through March 24.

A 6 p.m. complimentary light supper is followed by 7 p.m. worship. There may be an offering during worship. I will attend as many of these as I can and I encourage you to do the same. *Pastor Brian*

MONDAY AFTERNOON HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS: Want to try your hand at handbells? Curious about how they work? The Director of "*Chime In! Music With a Mission*" invites anyone interested to participate in "*Monday Afternoon Handbell Workshop Sessions*" for beginning ringers. The dates are March 16 and April 6 and 20, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the WUMC Assembly Room. Participants will learn how to ring and damp properly, master additional techniques, and ring several handbell pieces. While there is always an open invitation to participate in an organized handbell group offered by *Chime In!* and/or the Woodbury UMC, there is no

expectation that you do so. If interested, please email WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD....

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

FELLOWSHIP TIME, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, 11:45 a.m., Wesley Room

CONFIRMATION TUTORIAL, 11:45 a.m., Pastor's office

MONDAY, MARCH 9

LENTE STUDY, 10 a.m., Assembly Room

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10

"LENT ON THE ROAD", 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. worship, St. James' Lutheran Church, 111 Peter Road, Southbury

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

OFFICE HOURS, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Church

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., Church Grounds

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15

LAETARE SUNDAY, from the Latin "Rejoice!" is a joyful Sunday in the midst of the penitential Lenten season. **UMCOR SUNDAY** receives a special offering for emergency ministries through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Psalm 23 and John 9 are the basis of the message "*Was Blind, But Now....*"

ON-GOING MINISTRY

CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS: coffee, black tea, juice, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cocktail, applesauce, can chilli, corned beef hash, beef stew, minestrone soup, chicken rice soup, clam chowder, peanut butter, jelly, brownie mix, cake mix, instant pudding, jello, ketchup, mustard, salt, sugar, flour, honey, olive oil, vegetable oil, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap, dish soap, laundry soap, baby wipes, tissues, paper

towels, toilet paper, Ziploc bags (all sizes). Please leave food bank donations in the Foyer box.

"I was hungry and you gave me food...." Jesus, Matthew 25:35

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Brian can be reached at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781 for pastoral care. Want a visit? Please let him know. He'd love to meet with you!

Are you on our *"Living through Grace"* weekly email? If not, please contact the Church Office at wumc@woodburyumc.net.

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