

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

10:30 AM Worship

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## Trinity Sunday May 31, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"People Get Ready"* Curtis Mayfield  
Rod Carnes, Peter Slifka, Eve Slifka

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Te Deum Laudamus*, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> cent., UMH #80  
Carol Galloway, Liturgist

L: We praise you, O God.

P: *We acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting.*

L: To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

P: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

L: Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you:

**ALL: FATHER OF MAJESTY UNBOUNDED, YOUR GLORIOUS, TRUE AND ONLY SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ADVOCATE AND GUIDE. LET US WORSHIP YOU!**

\*HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* UMH #64

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*) UMH #76

*Holy God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the faith of your holy church, to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see in your eternal glory One God, now and forever. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*Creator God, you gave us the earth and all that is in it, to care for it. Yet we do not.*

*Loving God, you gave us the gifts of peoples of cultures, races and colors, to love, to care for, to share our lives with. Yet we do not.*

*Liberating God, you empowered us to resist evil, to eradicate poverty, hunger hatred and war. Yet we do not.*

*Forgive us, O God of Love, and reconcile us to yourself and to one another, that we may again see your vision that we are sisters and brothers with all humanity. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**A TIME FOR PRAYER**

SOLO *"Where All Are Welcome"* Bodt/Vaughn Williams

Pastor Brian wrote these lyrics in 2015, based on the *"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"* slogan of The United Methodist Church.

The tune is a favorite of Minister of Music Chris Shay

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.**

**THE WORD READ**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-27 and 28:16-20

\*HYMN

*"Victory in Jesus"*

UMH #370

**A TIME FOR WITNESSING AND GIVING**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Mission of the Woodbury U.M. Church

**UNISON: *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.***

GREETINGS FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

The Rev. Heather A.M. Sinclair

A PERSONAL WITNESS

Mary Grace Styblo



## 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.

**COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are found on the document table in the Foyer.

**A RECEPTION FOR PASTOR BRIAN BODT AND CAROL GALLOWAY** follows worship downstairs. Invite someone you don't know to join you! Thanks to all who contributed to this!

**VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY** is "*Evangelism.*" We consider one area weekly: Evangelism, Affirmation and Inclusion, Missions, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

### **WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist: Carol Galloway

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser

Fellowship Time Host: Family Nurture and Hospitality

Ushers and Greeters: Judy Wilhelms and Mary Schivera

### NOTICES

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** is *this Saturday, June 6, 8 - 10 a.m.* Naugatuck UMC, 208 Meadow Street. See flier for details!

**SUMMER MUSIC OFFERINGS:** Our Bell Choir's last offering is today and our Chancel Choir's is June 14. Beginning June 21 we will have special music until September. If you would like to offer music, please speak with Minister of Music Christopher Shay.

**FOR PASTORAL CARE DURING JUNE** (home and hospital visits and calls) please call Co-Lay Leader Jeff Hunt at 203.558.6607. He will reach the pastor on call.

**PASTOR BILL FLORIN** begins his ministry here on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. A welcome reception after worship will be offered for him and his wife Carin.

## THE WEEK AHEAD....

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:15 a.m. Bell Choir warm-up

9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir warm-up

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Farewell reception for Pastor Brian and Carol

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 - 10 a.m., Naugatuck UMC,  
208 Meadow Street

### NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Setting C. The Rev. John Thomason will preach the message "Mattering" based on Psalm 8 and Matthew 9:18-26. Our liturgist will be Mollie Bodwell. Music by the Chancel Choir.

### OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dear WUMC family,

In this pastoral transition period we need more timely updating of prayer concerns. I believe the written list is a helpful addition to the focused prayers of our church. The list below has been edited by me.

Since I will now not be here to do this, we now publish prayers for two weeks. If intentions wish to be continued beyond that time, please contact Matti Paparazzo in the church office (203.263.4775 or [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)).

Thank you in advance for your assistance. - *Pastor Brian*

For Nancy Ossewaarde's recovery from surgery

For the Rev. Craig Fitzsimmons recovery from a broken ankle

For Vance Carnes, father of Rod Carnes, recovering from pneumonia

For Elaine Weston recovering from RSV

For Olivia Guinipero's grandfather struggling with Parkinson's disease

Thanksgiving for college students returning home for the summer.

For Joe Sharp, friend of Rev. Hibbard, diagnosed with a brain tumor; and for his wife Laura Joy.

Prayers for peace in the world, especially conflicts in Iraq, the Sudan, the Ukraine; and for civilians, as well as our troops, in harm's way.

For Michelle, friend of Christine Shupenis, being treated for breast cancer.

For Ben, Ken Burke's friend, being treated for cancer.

For Emilie Cole's friend, Kate and her mom, Jan, who is experiencing a 2<sup>nd</sup> bout with cancer.

For Nancy Guthrie, kidnapped, and her family.

For the continued violence around immigration enforcement.

Debbie Eisemann, friend of Sandy Purdy, recovering at the Lutheran Home from a fall

For Pastor William Florin, appointed as Woodbury's new pastor effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, and his family.

Bishop Bickerton; our District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; and the churches and clergy of the NY Conference.

For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia) Arabia Sweet, and Nicole Sims.

For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, Nancy Ossewaarde and Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter)

### ON-GOING MINISTRY

**CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS** Chicken Rice Soup, Applesauce, Cookie Mix, Canned Olives and Toilet Paper.


Thank you in advance for your donations! *"I was hungry and you gave me food..."* Jesus, Matthew 25:3

## FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Are you on our “Living through Grace” weekly email? If not, please contact the Church Office at [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto: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.

Valley Cooperative Parish & A Few Good Men Ministries (AFGM) Invites You To:  
**Christian Fellowship Breakfast and Car Rally**

What's Under Your **BROTHER**  **HOOD?**



Featuring Keynote Speaker

**Thomas McMillan**

*Author and Men's Ministry Leader*

Thomas always provides an inspirational message that is purposeful to men and delivered with an engaging style.

On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> his theme will be:

**Brotherhood: The “Guardrail” that keeps you on the road and in your lane!**

*Learn more about Thomas McMillan at: <http://www.guardrailministries.com/>*

**Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8-10AM**

**Naugatuck United Methodist Church  
208 Meadow Street  
Naugatuck, CT 06770**

**This is a free event, but donations will be accepted.**  
*(\$20 suggested)*

**Please sign up at:**



For more information (or to sign up) contact:

**Bud Behlman (203-206-9276)**  
[AFGM.Ministry@gmail.com](mailto:AFGM.Ministry@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL FEATURE



Do you have a car, truck, motorcycle, or tractor at least 20 years old? Whether classic, restored, or “project” bring it to the event and show it off to be entered into a *special drawing.*

**8:00** Vehicle Line up and Coffee    **8:30** Full Breakfast    **9:00** Keynote Speaker    **10:00** Door Prizes