

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 7, 2026

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pentecost II

10:30 AM Worship

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\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"Fugue in G minor"*

JS Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mollie Bodwell, Liturgist

L: God has made a wonderful world.

**P: Let us live in the world with joy!**

L: God has made us companions of the Divine Spirit.

**P: Let us praise God with all our hearts.**

\*HYMN

*"All Creatures of our God and King"*

UMH #62

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Creator God, how great is your name! All creation sings of your glory, and so do we. You have exalted us and crowned us with honor - even the infants join stars and moon in singing your praise. How great, O God, is your name in all the earth! Amen.*

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION *(by the pastor)*

*Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

*Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.*

#### SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

THE PSALTER	Psalm 8	UMH p. 743, R.1
*THE GOSPEL		Matthew 9:18-26
*HYMN	<i>"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"</i>	UMH #351
THE SERMON	<i>"Mattering"</i>	The Rev. John Thomason

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY      *"A Clean Heart"*      Benjamin Harlan  
The Chancel Choir

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      UMH #588  
*"All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

SETTING C      UMH pp. 17-18  
*(All are welcome to receive. Please follow the ushers' direction.  
You may leave a gift for the pastor's discretionary fund if desired.)*

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*HYMN      *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"*      UMH #671

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *"Prelude in C"*      JS Bach  
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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.*

*Pastor Bill Florin, Pastor (7/5/26)      Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders  
Christopher Shay, Director of Music      Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*

## OUR JUNE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

**WE WELCOME THE REV. JOHN THOMASON** to our pulpit today, pastor of this church from 2013-2021. He served for many years in Texas prior to his transfer to the New York Conference of The United Methodist Church, and holds his retirement credentials in our congregation. Welcome, Pastor John!

**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 will be offered for him and his wife Carin after worship that day.

## 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.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are on the document table in the Foyer.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship downstairs. Invite someone you don't know to join you!

**VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY** is "*Spiritual Wellness.*" 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: Mollie Bodwell

A.V. Tech: Christine Shupenis

Fellowship Time Host: Christine Shupenis and Joann King

Ushers and Greeters: Michael Pinevich and Eileen Bennett

## NOTICES

**SUMMER MUSIC OFFERINGS:** Our Chancel Choir's last offering is today next Sunday, 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.

**NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held this Thursday, June 11 through June 14 in Stamford, Connecticut. Attending for WUMC is Lay Member of Conference Catherine Mason, along with Rev. Paul Hibbard and former Pastor Brian Bodt. Please keep the deliberations of the Conference in prayer.

**TRANSITION ACADEMY'S LAST DAY AT WUMC** until school resumes in the fall is this Friday. We extend special thanks to Sandy Rogozinski, the program's leader and liaison to the Woodbury Public Schools, along with WUMC volunteers Meg Temple, Carolyn Shay, and Diane Hibbard for their vital leadership contributions to this program of work and social skills formation for cognitively challenged young adults ages 18-22.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD....**

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

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

**10:30 a.m.** Worship

**11:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

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

**NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE** through June 14

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

The sermon "*Prayer: Why/How*" is the first in a two-part series on the theme of prayer. Our preacher will be the Rev. Garrett Walkup. Scriptures will be I Chronicles 16:8-11 and Luke 11:5-13. Our liturgist will be Cathy Riefenhauser. Music by the Chancel Choir. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE OUR LAST SUNDAY AT THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP TIME UNTIL LATE AUGUST. WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.**

## 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 this week by me contacting every one on last week's prayer list to be sure they wish the listing to be maintained.

Since I am no longer here to do this, we'll 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

For Nancy Guthrie, kidnapped, and her family

For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia), Joseph Riddle, and Kirk Sims

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 new District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; and the churches and clergy of the NY Conference.

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

## ON-GOING MINISTRY

**CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS** are: Chicken rice soup, applesauce, lentil soup, chicken and vegetable broth, pancake mix, paper towels and canned beets and olives, and toilet paper. Thank you in advance for your donations! *"I was hungry and you gave me food..."* Jesus, Matthew 25:3

## HUGE THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all volunteers who provided the delicious quiches, salads and desserts for Sunday's farewell luncheon. And also many thanks to those who assisted with the set up AND clean up of Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work!! Thank you, Thank you!!

~Joann King, Family Nurture Ministry Chair

## 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.

**Please support these faithful clergy** and their preaching and worship leadership by being in worship. The clergy will be available on this schedule:

Rev. Thomason: pastoral coverage June 1-7 and preaching June 7

Rev. Walkup: pastoral coverage June 8-21 and preaching June 14 and 21

Rev. Hibbard: pastoral coverage June 22-30 and preaching June 28

**Altar flowers this week** are given by Carolyn Shay in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Ayars and in celebration of her grandson, Owen's 11th birthday.



## A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL

What a delightful send-off after worship last Sunday! Pastor Brian was looking to “get out of Dodge” without an event, but the saints weren’t having it and Carol was kind but direct: “You have to have a farewell.”

It was perfect! A handful of brief speeches articulating collective appreciation for our ministry among you; 60 cards to one or both of us; lovely parting gifts elsewhere pictured; and FOOD!!! The key organizers – Christine Shupenis, Catherine Mason and Joann King – did not know that Brian LOVES quiche, so it was surely divinely inspired that an array of them graced that buffet. Yum!

What they DID know was Brian’s affection for trains, wonderfully represented in table fixtures of model trains and train whistles. Woo-woo!

Thanks to the organizers....to Catherine Mason, Jeff Hunt and Christine Shupenis for their lovely remarks....to all who wrote cards (which we are still reading)....to all who set up and served and cleaned up.....and to all who were able to come or who took the time to contact us in the days before last Sunday. We are deeply grateful for our time at WUMC and the opportunity to serve God in Christ with you.

May God bless you all and may “Love Spoken Here” continue to be lived in worship and service. In the words of Dag Hammarskjold, a Lutheran Christian, Swedish diplomat and the second Secretary General of the United Nations, who died at age 56 in a plane crash as he traveled to a warring region of Africa:

*“For all that has been, THANKS, for all that is to be, YES!”*

Warmly and in Christ,  
***Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway***