

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Pentecost IV

June 21, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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June 21, 2026

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Garrett Walkup

PRELUDE *"Down to the River to Pray"* African American Spiritual
Sarah Kate Walkup, Rod Carnes, Eve Slifka, Peter Slifka

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Shay, Liturgist

L: I will bless the Lord at all times.

P: *God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

L: Because God's steadfast love is better than life,

P: *Our lips shall show forth God's praise!*

ALL : *LET US WORSHIP GOD!*

*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

PRAYER OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (*seated, unison*)

UMH #570

Teach us, good Lord,

To serve you as you deserve;

To give and not count the cost;

To fight and not heed the wounds;

To toil and not to seek for rest;

*To labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of
knowing that we do your will;*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord, we confess that at times we do harm. It may be intentional or not, but at times we injure others. Please forgive us. Help us to do better and to be better persons, so that the love you freely give may find expression through us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE		Philippians 4:6-7
*THE GOSPEL		Matthew 6:5-8
*HYMN	<i>"In the Garden"</i>	UMH #314
THE SERMON	<i>"Prayer: Why / How"</i>	The Rev. Garrett Walkup (The second of a two-part series on prayer.)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS	THE PASTORAL PRAYER
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THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH #895
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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.

TESTIMONY	Sherry Swanhall
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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY	<i>"A living Prayer"</i>	Ron Block
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*RESPONSE OF PRAISE		UMH #95
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*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN	<i>"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"</i>	UMH #399
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"</i>	African American Spiritual
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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. GARRETT WALKUP to our pulpit today. Rev. Walkup is a hospice chaplain with RVNAHealth and has led seminars at WUMC. He and his wife Sarah Kate live in Woodbury with their two daughters, Grace and Anna, both college students.

PASTORAL CARE DURING JUNE (home and hospital visits and calls) can be obtained by contacting 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 5th. 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 Foyer document table.

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

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Carolyn Shay A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser
Ushers and Greeters: Cathy Riefenhauser and Joann King
Fellowship Time Host: Carol Quinby

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).

SUMMER WORSHIP IS NOW AT 9:30 A.M. THROUGH LATE AUGUST, as announced last Sunday and in *“Living Through Grace.”* Please watch these publications for the date to return to 10:30 a.m.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: Our choirs are in recess until fall. If you are interested in offering special music over the summer, please speak today with Minister of Music Christopher Shay.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

WOMEN INVITED TO LYNNE RAMSDEN-CALABRESE’S HOME, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28

The sermon *“A New Beginning – An Eternal Work”* will be offered by the Rev. Paul Hibbard using the scriptures Romans 6:12-23 and Matthew 10:40-42. Our liturgist will be Meg Temple. Special music will be offered by Peter and Eve Slifka.

MEMBER CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Member Care is currently in need of volunteers to prepare meals for church members following illness or hospitalization. Most people prefer simple, no fuss meals. No need to be a gourmet chef! If you don’t like to cook, but would like to help in another way, you can donate money toward a LaBonne’s meal by designating your offering to *“Member Care.”* Your help is truly appreciated. Please reach out to Cathy Riefenhauser (203-768-7680) if interested.

CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS

Knorr Rice mixes, instant potatoes, pasta sauce, ramen, lentil, tomato and chicken and rice soup. Thank you in advance for your donations! *“I was hungry and you gave me food...”* Jesus, Matthew 25:3

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayers will be published 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)

For Floyd, friend of Sherry Swanhall with stage IV pancreatic cancer.

For Emilie Cole who underwent carpal tunnel surgery on Monday, June 15.

For the joy of the 40th wedding anniversary of Paul & Diane Hibbard.

For a successful and praiseworthy Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 6.

For the continued violence around immigration enforcement.

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

For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia).

For Pastor William Florin, appointed as Woodbury's new pastor effective July 1st, 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).

SPREAD THE LIGHT CAMPAIGN

The Community Services Council of Woodbury is proud to celebrate our 15th Annual Spread the Light Campaign while also honoring America's 250th Anniversary!

Throughout the month of June, commemorative stars will be available for purchase at:

- ★ Woodbury Food Bank
- ★ Woodbury Public Library
- ★ Direct sales through CSCW

For a suggested donation of \$10 per star, you can dedicate a star in honor or memory of a family member, friend, or other special person in your life.

★ Stars dedicated in their honor and memory will be displayed in the windows of the Woodbury Public Library throughout the month of July.

★ During the holiday weekend, beautiful lantern stars will shine brightly at the Anderson Bandstand on the North Green from July 3rd through July 5th, creating a meaningful tribute to those who hold a special place in our hearts.

As we celebrate 15 years of spreading light throughout our community and commemorate America's 250th Anniversary, we invite you to join us in this special tradition.

Thank you for helping us 'Spread the Light' in Woodbury! ♥

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HONORING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Spread the Light

★ 2026 ★

CELEBRATING 15TH ANNUAL SPREAD THE LIGHT

Friday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Anderson Bandstand at The North Green

Thank you
for supporting the Community Services Council of Woodbury and helping us
Spread the Light!



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Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ



Presents

INTRO TO GENDER & TRANS/NONBINARY AFFIRMATION

Where: **Immanuel Congregational Church UCC**
10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105

When: **Thursday, June 25, 6 pm to 8:30 pm**

Beginning from the assumption that all people have a relationship to gender, participants will explore their own experience of gender and learn basic concepts and terminology related to gender, as it relates to transgender and nonbinary people as well as cisgender (non-trans) people.

Participants will also reflect on how churches demonstrate welcome to various types of people and explore how their own church or group might advance welcome and affirmation to trans and nonbinary people.

For Questions: Call 860-916-5951 **Email:** Coordinator@Stonewallspeakers.org

To Register use this QR code Or [Click Here](#): Workshop Fee: \$30
Registration Closes 6/22/26.

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