

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



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9:30 AM Worship

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\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Paul Hibbard

PRELUDE "Everyday" Joel Houston  
Eve and Peter Slifka, and Rod Carnes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Meg Temple, Liturgist  
Adapted from Psalm 89

L: Your love, God, is my song, and I'll sing it! I'm forever telling everyone how faithful you are.

**P: *I'll never quit telling the story of your love – how you built the cosmos and guaranteed everything in it.***

L: Your love has always been our lives' foundation, your fidelity has been the roof over our world.

**P: *Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise, who shout on parade in the bright presence of God.***

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

OPENING PRAYER (*seated, in unison*) From "Ministry Matters"

*Almighty God, you have called us to follow you and to welcome the messengers of your love. Grant us the courage to take up our cross, the wisdom to serve in your name, and the grace to receive one another as we receive you. Strengthen us to lose our lives for your sake, that we may find true life in your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*Loving God, we often forget that you are love and have loved us so much that Christ died for us. We forget that the greatest commandment is to love you and love our neighbor. We forget that we can't say we love you, whom we cannot see, when we fail to love our neighbor who we can. And when we forget to love, our world suffers.*

*Forgive us for losing sight of how you want us to relate to both our friends and our enemies. Forgive us for choosing self or selflessness. Forgive us for choosing agendas over relationships. Forgive us for choosing to be right over doing what is right.*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, and lead us back into your way of living as your beloved children. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

(Today's scriptures are from Eugene Peterson's paraphrase "The Message.")

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

\*HYMN

*"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"*

UMH #383

SERMON

*"A New Beginning - An Eternal Work"* The Rev. Paul Hibbard

**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

*"Endless Hallelujah"*

Matt Redman

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*"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

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

UMH #140

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Everyday" (reprise)*

Joel Houston

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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. PAUL HIBBARD** to our pulpit today. No stranger to WUMC, Rev. Hibbard has served as a local church pastor and hospital chaplain prior to his retirement. He currently serves as Secretary of the New York (United Methodist) Conference Commission on Missions. He has led several mission trips to Ecuador from WUMC as well as serving as a team leader for U.M. "Volunteer in Mission" trips, more recently to Georgia. His wife Diane and adult daughter Rebecca are both active at WUMC.

**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 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 Foyer document table.

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

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

Liturgist: Meg Temple

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser

Ushers and Greeters: Mollie Bodwell and Mary Schivera

Fellowship Time Host: Sandy Purdy

**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).

**SPECIAL MUSIC** is offered through the summer until our choirs return in September. If you are interested in being one of our summer musicians, please speak with Minister of Music Christopher Shay today.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

**8:00 a.m.** Faith & Fiction Book Club

**9:30 a.m.** Worship

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time & Bell Rehearsal

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 2**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5**

**WORSHIP IS AT 9:30 A.M. AND WILL CONTINUE SO UNTIL LATE AUGUST.** The sermon “*Which Yoke? Which Burden?*” will be offered by the Rev. Bill Florin using the scriptures Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. Our liturgist will be Jeff Hunt. Special music will be offered by Bell & Chancel Choirs featuring a solo by Maddy Meeker.

### **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](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)).

For Nancy Ossewaarde’s return to church after a long recovery.

Joy for Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese opening her house to WUMC women.

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 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 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).

### **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 contact Cathy Riefenhauser (203-768-7680) if you are interested in helping.

### **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

### **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! ♥

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL OF WOODBURY**

HONORING AMERICA'S **250<sup>TH</sup>** ANNIVERSARY

*Spread the Light*  
★ 2026 ★

CELEBRATING **15<sup>TH</sup>** ANNUAL SPREAD THE LIGHT

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

Anderson Bandstand at the The North Green

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

HAPPENING TODAY!

join us and  
**celebrate**  
our **pride**  
together

SUNDAY  
**JUNE 28, 2026**  
**NORTH GREEN**  
WOODBURY, CONNECTICUT

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**11:30AM - 1:30PM**

**SPEAKER**  
**MUSIC**  
**MARCHING**

A FUN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY  
TO SHARE THE JOY AND HAPPINESS  
OF OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY!

- ♥ BRING PRIDE AND AMERICAN FLAGS
- ♥ DRESS FESTIVELY TO SHOW EVERYONE THAT WE ARE A PROUD GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER
- ♥ RAIN OR SHINE - WE WILL BE THERE!