

Woodbury United Methodist Church



August 9, 2026

11th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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**Please stand as you are able.*

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I Will Be with You"

James Moore

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

UMC Discipleship Ministries (adapted)

Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 85:8-13

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

P: **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

P: **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

P: **Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

ALL: *Let us hear what God the Lord will speak.*

***HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

UMC Disc. Min.

L: God is with you, Christ is present, the Holy Spirit surrounds you and unites us all.

P: **But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, lost our focus on God, and are sinking in sin.**

L: You can begin again. Imagine a new way of being.

- P: We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean.**
- L: God loves you, Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt, and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation.**

In these moments of quiet reflection, confess to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Moment of Silent Confessional Prayer

- L: Take heart, do not be afraid. Every person who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.**

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

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| *THE GOSPEL | | Matthew 14:22-33 |
| THE EPISTLE | | Romans 10:5-15 |
| SERMON | <i>"Heart – Mouth – Feet"</i> | Pastor Bill |
| *RESPONSE | <i>"He Is Lord" (sing twice)</i> | UMH #177 |

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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| SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS | THE PASTORAL PRAYER |
| <i>THE LORD'S PRAYER</i> | 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.

TESTIMONY offered by Matt Shupenis

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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| OFFERTORY | <i>"The Lord Is My Hope"</i> | Ridge/Loomis |
| | Maddy Meeker, Soprano | |

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| *DOXOLOGY | UMH #95 |
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| *PRAYER OF DEDICATION | Florin |
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Gracious and generous God, you who created all that is good, we bring you these gifts with the confidence of trusting children. We often do not know how this sacrificial giving will bless others and

grow your Church universal, so we give in faith. We pray that what we offer to you this morning would be used to spread the peace and joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ in every way and every where it is yet to be heard. Bless the hearts, mouths, and feet of all those who follow you and share your Gospel as we have shared this offering today. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* UMH #569

*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.

Bill Florin, Pastor

Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders

Christopher Shay, Director of Music

COMMON LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR TODAY:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 | Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Michael Pinevich

A.V. Tech: Mark Davis

Ushers and Greeters: Mary Schivera and Sandy Purdy

Fellowship Time Host: Barb and Jeff Hunt

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!

VISION 2026 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).

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. (Regular music rehearsals resume Wednesday, Sept. 9.)

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 a.m. Worship (Summer Schedule)

10:30 a.m. (approx.) Fellowship Time

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Office Hours, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Office Hours, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Office Hours, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Church

Board of Trustees Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

WUMC Coffeehouse: Open Mic Night, 7-9 p.m., Fellowship Hall

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Bill and family will be vacationing August 15-23. Bud Behlman will lead worship on August 16, and Rev. Paul Hibbard will be leading on August 23. May all be blessed by the various voices and messages we hear from clergy and laity alike at Woodbury UMC.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayers will be published for two weeks. If intentions wish to be continued beyond that time, please contact the church office at 203.263.4775 or wumc@woodburyumc.net.

- For the family of Carolyn Shay's former colleague Ray Belding on his death
- For vacation and family time from Chris Shay

- For the safety and protection of young people as they make transitions in the next month
- For Jin and Zachary as they begin their PhD biology programs from Sherry Swanhall
- For Lori and Jan from Pamela Florin
- For Pastor Bill's parents' 65th wedding anniversary this week
- For Tres' 30th birthday this past week from Karen Fimmano
- For the newly married Mike and Christa Boisseau
- For the family of David Young and for Dane Guinipero in the loss of a young person too soon in a moped accident
- Praise for Barney the cat's safe return home from Lynne Ramesden- Calabrese
- For Nancy Ossewaarde experiencing migraines during humid weather
- For Mumbi and Neema as they travel to Kenya due to the loss of Mumbi's father, Sampson
- Thanks for prayers and healing from Bob Asman for his medical procedure
- Praise for the bell music, the AV, James Levario as liturgist and the hands preparing communion
- For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia)
- Bishop Bickerton; our 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: 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

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

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. Please send items to Meg Temple via email: MegTemple1@gmail.com. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have a special event, remembrance, or joy you would like to express through flowers for our worship service?

If so, contact the office at 203-263-4775 or by email at wumc@woodburyumc.net. We will include a message in the Sunday bulletin and the *"Living Through Grace"* weekly newsletter.



The Vision of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

Woodbury United Methodist Church Vision Statement

To be a more thriving, open-minded, spirit-filled Christian fellowship growing in faith, love, and service.

Getting in Touch with Pastor Bill

If you need to reach Pastor Bill quickly, the best way is with his dedicated number for voice calls and text messages. That number is 475-282-2800. You can also reach him through our church's email at Pastor@WoodburyUMC.net.

OPEN MIC:

AN EVENING TO INSPIRE HOPE



August 14 7-9 pm

Woodbury UMC * Fellowship Hall

- Music
- Poetry
- Singers
- Spoken Word

Free to attend

All are Welcome

Coffee & Treats

**MORE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE:**



*Love
Spoken
Here.*

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