

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 14th, 2024 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon Yim

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Larry Cash: When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

All: we gather for worship.

Larry Cash: When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

All: we gather for worship.

Larry Cash: When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

All: we gather for worship.

Larry Cash: When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God's grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

All: we gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"What Gift Can We Bring" (*v.1-3*)

UMH #87

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Larry Cash: God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you. We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to, we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts because without it we are a dead loss. Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul, that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in. Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Offering Prayer

All: Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

Blessing our Gifts with Music

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 6:14-19 (*NRSVUE*)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6: 14-29 (*NRSVUE*)

Larry Cash: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

TFWS #2163

Proclaiming

"God is Faithful"

Pastor Dave

Joys and Concerns

Text Pastor Dave (224.600.0446) with your prayer requests or give him a note before worship service.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

UMH #525

Benediction

Postlude