

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 11th, 2024 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon Yim

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Charlotte Ashworth: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

Many Voices: May those who are grieving find comfort.

Charlotte Ashworth: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

Many Voices: May those who are waiting find hope.

Charlotte Ashworth: "May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

Many Voices: Let us worship the One who gives us life!

*Opening Hymn

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

UMH #136

Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Charlotte Ashworth: Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray.

All: Amen!

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Eternal God, who gave us Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we respond to your goodness by offering ourselves as dough to be made alive by the leaven of the gospel. Knead us and mold us to fit your will for us. Flavor us with the richness of Christ's teaching. Shape us by his sacrificial love on our behalf. Infuse us with your Spirit, and send us forth to be bread for the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing our Gifts with Music

Yim Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (NRSVUE)

Gospel Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSVUE)

Charlotte Ashworth: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

“Light of the World”

TFWS #2204

Proclaiming

“I Will Raise You Up”

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**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

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Benediction

Postlude