

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 18th, 2024 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon Yim

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Wally Jeske: Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

Many Voices: Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

Wally Jeske: God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

Many Voices: Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.

Wally Jeske: God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

Many Voices: Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.

Wally Jeske: Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

Many Voices: Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

UMH #339

Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Wally Jeske: Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer.

All: Amen!

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Blessing our Gifts with Music

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 3:3-14 (*NRSVUE*)

Gospel Lesson

John 6:51-58 (*NRSVUE*)

Wally Jeske: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Light of the World"

TFWS #2204

Proclaiming

"This is What We Live For"

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

"How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

W&S #3124

Benediction

Postlude