

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY  
Woodridge United Methodist Church  
Sunday, August 25th, 2024 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

## Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon Yim

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Gwenn Edman:** God is our sun and our shield.

**Many Voices: God's glory shines upon us.**

**Gwenn Edman:** God is our strength and our hope.

**Many Voices: God's faithfulness guides us.**

**Gwenn Edman:** God is our hope and our salvation.

**Many Voices: God's love and mercy welcome us.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

TFWS #2050

## Passing the Peace

### Opening Prayer

**Gwenn Edman:** We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**All: Amen!**

## Blessing Our Children

### Offering Ourselves

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.**

Blessing our Gifts with Music

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 8:22-30 (NRSVUE)

Gospel Lesson

John 6: 56-69 (NRSVUE)

**Gwenn Edman:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Song**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord (X2)” UMH #328

**Proclaiming**

**“We are Clothed in Christ”**

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**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH #462

**Benediction**

**Postlude**