

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 15th, 202417th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon Yim

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Wally Jeske: Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.

Many Voices: We take delight in the wisdom of God.

Wally Jeske: Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

Many Voices: We find delight in the love of God.

Wally Jeske: Happy are those who set aside envy.

Many Voices: We draw delight in the selflessness of God.

*Opening Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu"

UMH #432

Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Wally Jeske: Holy and righteous God, as we embrace the dawn of this week and the reemergence of hope in our lives, we sing your praises. As we face the journey before us, we seek your wisdom and your strength. Erase the envy from our minds and the biases from our hearts, as we enter this space. Fill our lives with the refreshing brooks of your peace.

All: Amen!

Blessing Our Children

Carrie Santucci

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 31:25-31 (NRSVUE)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:33-37 (NRSVUE)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See" UMH #468

Proclaiming **"Uncommon Wisdom 2"** 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** "The Servant Song" TFWS #2222

Benediction

Postlude