

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 26th, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

## Music to Prepare Our Hearts

## Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Pam Kabella:** The Spirit of God is upon us.

**Many Voices: We are called to be God's people.**

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**Many Voices: We are called to be the body of Christ.**

**Pam Kabella:** Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

**Many Voices: Come let us worship God, who revives our souls.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77

### \*Passing the Peace

## Opening Prayer

**Pam Kabella:** Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as one body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## Blessing Our Children

Carrie S.

## Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:8-10 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-21 (*NRSVue*)

**Pam Kabella:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

<b>Responsive Song</b>	"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"	W&S #3122
<b>Proclaiming</b>	<b>"Humanitarian Spirit"</b>	Pastor Dave
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Prayers for the People</b>		
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	W&S #3001
<b>*Dismissal with Blessing</b>		
<b>Going Forth to the World</b>		