

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Scout Sunday

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Pack/Troop Member(s)

Presentation of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Scout Oath & Law

Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Law: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Clean, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Welcome and Announcements

(Recognition of Scouters in WUMC and Celebration of Supporting BSA reorganization)

Presentation of Pack 104 and Troop 109

(Introduce members to WUMC & share ministries and activities including fundraising events or future activities with WUMC)

*Call to Worship

Dianne Marcell: The voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

Many Voices: We are here to answer God's call.

Dianne Marcell: The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

Many Voices: We are here to answer Christ's call.

Dianne Marcell: The voice of Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

Many Voices: We are here. Send us, we pray!

*Opening Hymn

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

W&S #3008

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Dianne Marcell: Compassionate and gracious God, you call us to follow your voice.

"Whom shall I send?" you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, "Here I am. Send me." You evaporate our shame and joyously embrace our authentic selves. May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity as you do.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Karen Miller

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

Usher – Pack/Troop Member

*Offering Prayer

All: Loving and gracious God, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into your embrace. Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Pack/Troop Member(s)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 138 *(NRSVue)*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:1-11 *(NRSVue)*

Pack/Troop Member: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

Sharing

"Lessons from Scouting"

Wally Jeske

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"My Life IS in You, Lord"

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Extinguishing the altar light (Pack/Troop Members) while we are singing

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Retiring of the Colors

Going Forth to the World