

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 16th, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Bell Choir

Lighting of the Altar Candles Jiwon

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Kathy Falout: The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

Many Voices: Instead of doing those things, these persons love the LORD's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night.

Kathy Falout: They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

Many Voices: That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away.

Kathy Falout: And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

Many Voices: The LORD is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

***Opening Hymn** "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" UMH #142

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Kathy Falout: Unto you, Lord, we bring our praise and our thanksgiving this day. We are a sinful people, Lord, and yet you have loved us. We are a rebellious people, and yet you have forgiven us. And though our words and actions distanced us from your holy presence, yet in Christ you have healed the breach and brought us close to you once more. Though we are worthy of death, yet in Christ you offer us life everlasting. His resurrection assures us of our own hope for the future. No longer does death oppress, for your love has overcome death and gives us hope. Help us to be faithful to that divine hope, as we pray in the name of the One whose resurrection is our hope.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children Charlotte

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Bell Choir

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In

Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (*NRSVue*)
Luke 6:17-26 (*NRSVue*)

Kathy Falout: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Step by Step"

W&S #3004

Proclaiming

"Because of the Son of Man"

Pastor Dave

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Marching to Zion"

UMH #733

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World

"Ring Around a Rainbow"

Bell Choir