

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 9th, 2025 1st Sunday in Lent

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Many Voices: We come, aware of our sin, of all the ways we miss the mark.

Larry Cash: God welcomes you with compassion.

Many Voices: We come, longing for restoration, to be made new.

Larry Cash: God surrounds you with grace and forgiveness, reconciling you to God and one another.

Many Voices: We come, thirsting for reconciliation, to draw close to God and one another.

Larry Cash: God embraces you with love, reuniting us with God and one another.

Many Voices: Sustain in us, O God, a willing spirit to return to the joy of our salvation as we journey together through the season of Lent.

*Opening Hymn

"Praise God for This Holy Ground"

W&S #3009

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Larry Cash: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy, you breathed the breath of life into dust, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Charlotte

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Merciful God, who meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward wholeness, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our hearts, seeking renewal and transformation. During this sacred Lenten journey, cleanse us from all that separates us from you and restore the joy of your salvation within us. May these offerings bring hope and healing to others, just as you continually renew us with your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:4-11 (CEB)
Luke 4:1-13 (CEB)

Larry Cash: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song	"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"	TFWS #2105
Proclaiming	"Remember Who We Were"	Pastor Dave
Joys & Concerns		
Prayers for the People		
Lord's Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	"We Walk His Way"	W&S #3073
*Dismissal with Blessing		
Going Forth to the World		