

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Music to Prepare Our Hearts

## Lighting of the Altar Candles

Jiwon

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Gwenn Edman:** Lord, you are our God.

**Many Voices:** We will praise you with joyful lips.

**Gwenn Edman:** Lord, you are our God.

**Many Voices:** Our souls thirst for you.

**Gwenn Edman:** Lord, you are our God.

**Many Voices:** We behold your power and majesty.

**Gwenn Edman:** Lord, you are our God.

**Many Voices:** We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

### \*Opening Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

UMH #121

### \*Passing the Peace

## Opening Prayer

**Gwenn Edman:** Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## Blessing Our Children

Carrie S.

## Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:1-9 (CEB)

**Gwenn Edman:** The Word of God for the People of God.

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

<b>Responsive Song</b>	"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"	TFWS #2216
<b>Proclaiming</b>	<b>"Digging and Fertilizing"</b>	Pastor Dave
<b>Praying</b>		
Joys & Concerns		
Prayers for the People		
Lord's Prayer		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"Come, Let Us Dream"	W&S #3157
<b>*Dismissal with Blessing</b>		
<b>Going Forth to the World</b>		