

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY  
Woodridge United Methodist Church  
Sunday, April 27th, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter

## Music to Prepare Our Hearts

## Lighting of the Altar Candles & Christ Candle

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Jane Borgehammar:** With trumpet sounds and singing hearts,

**Many Voices: We come to praise the Lord.**

**Jane Borgehammar:** As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love,

**Many Voices: We come to praise the Lord.**

**Jane Borgehammar:** Coming here with our doubts and our faith,

**Many Voices: We come to praise the Lord.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH #139

### \*Passing the Peace

### Opening Prayer

**Jane Borgehammar:** Creator God, you call us to take on the holiness you have planted within us. In our worship this day, open our eyes and hearts to your movement that longs to make a home in us. So be it.

**All: Amen.**

### Blessing Our Children

Carrie S.

### Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, we pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Acts 5:27-32 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31 (NVSVue)

**Jane Borgehammar:** The Word of God for the People of God.

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

### Responsive Song

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH #420

### Proclaiming

**"Sins Are Forgiven"**

Pastor Dave

## **Praying**

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

### **\*Closing Hymn**

"Christ Has Risen" (*verses 1, 2, & 4*)

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### **\*Dismissal with Blessing**

### **Going Forth to the World**