

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 18th, 2025 5th Sunday in Easter

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Carol Todd: From the highest heavens to the deepest seas,

Many Voices: let all creation praise the Lord.

Carol Todd: From the rising sun to the waning moon,

Many Voices: let all creatures praise the Lord.

Carol Todd: From the new heaven and new earth,

Many Voices: let everything that draws breath praise the Lord.

All: Come! Let us worship.

***Opening Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (*verses 1, 3 & 5*)

UMH #62

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Carol Todd: Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary from weeping over the injustices of the world. You love us like a mother and protect us like a father. You restore our lives and claim us as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, so that we may love one another as you have loved us. In the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Karen Miller

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Giver of life, you are the source of all good things. We entrust our gifts to you, that you would use them to make all know that with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. May the gifts we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to love one another well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35 (*NRSVue*)

Carol Todd: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

Proclaiming

"Who Am I That I Can Hinder God?"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World