

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 1st, 2025 7th Sunday in Easter

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of 2025 Graduates

*Call to Worship

Richard Rice: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Many Voices: Let everyone who is hungry come.

Richard Rice: Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

Many Voices: Let everyone who is hungry come.

Richard Rice: Let anyone who wishes take the bread of life as a gift.

Many Voices: Let everyone who is hungry come.

Richard Rice: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

Many Voices: Amen. Come, Lord Jesu.

*Opening Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH #130

*The Apostle's Creed

UMH #881

Opening Prayer

Richard Rice: God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence. Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others. Shine through our world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Eternal God, who brings joy out of sorrow, abundance out of need, and life out of death: we thank you for the treasures of the earth, your creation, filled with your blessing. For it was among these earthly things that your Son chose to dwell, revealing the depth of your love. Because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we too are raised to new life, called to pray and labor for the renewal of others. Take these offerings, given in faith, for the sake of the one without whom our poverty would be extreme, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:16-34 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

John 17:20-26 (*NRSVue*)

Richard Rice: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Make Us One"

TFWS #2224

Proclaiming

"Two Stories"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Dave: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession & Pardon

Many Voices: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Pastor Dave: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ; you are forgiven!

Many Voices: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Dave: The Lord be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

Pastor Dave: Lift up your hearts.

Many Voices: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Dave: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many Voices: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor Dave: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land, flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor Dave: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many Voices: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor Dave: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Many Voices: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

***Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World