AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 13th, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Larry Cash: Love the Lord your God

Many Voices: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Larry Cash: Love your neighbor as yourself,

Many Voices: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind! Larry Cash: Do this and you will live!

Many Voices: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Larry Cash: Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace.All: Amon

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music *Doxology *Offering Prayer

> All: Gracious and strengthening God, in you, we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy. As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ. Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect your abundant love and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ's name, we give and rejoice. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson Gospel Lesson Colossians 1:1-14 *(Common English)* Luke 10:25-37 *(NVSVue)*

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

Responsive Song

"The Summons" (verses 1 & 5)

TFWS #2130

Proclaiming

Guest Speaker Carrie Marcotte

"Why Did the Samaritan Cross the Road?"

Praying

Joys & Concerns Prayers for the People Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

TFWS #2184

*Dismissal with Blessing

Larry Cash: Go and bear fruit!

Many Voices: We go and do!

Larry Cash: Live a life that is worthy of the Lord.

Many Voices: We give joyful thanks to God through loving our neighbor, through doing justice, through speaking out, and through defending those who are weak and oppressed.

Larry Cash: The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. Go in peace!

Many Voices: Amen!

Going Forth to the World