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

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Martine Nelson: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

Many Voices: and grant us your salvation.

Martine Nelson: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, Many Voices: to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Martine Nelson: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,

Many Voices: and God's glory will dwell in our land.

Martine Nelson: The Lord will give what is good.

Many Voices: and our land will yield its increase. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH #162

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Martine Nelson: Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the doors of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find their rest in you.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of Jesus who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Hosea 1:2-10 (NRSVue)
Gospel Lesson Luke 11:1-13 (NRSVue)

Martine Nelson: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song "God, How Can We Forgive" TFWS #2169

Proclaiming "Where Is Gomer?" Pastor Dave

Praying
Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World