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

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Music to Prepare Our Hearts**

### **Lighting of the Altar Candles**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### \*Call to Worship

**Rick Cihlar:** Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

Many Voices: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be

welcomed and embraced.

**Rick Cihlar:** We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

Many Voices: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to

live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

**Rick Cihlar:** We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

Many Voices: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

\*Opening Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

UMH #731

# \*Passing the Peace

# **Opening Prayer**

**Rick Cihlar:** Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Your power and mercy extend to all the ends of creation. Pour your love on us this day, that we may be healed and made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. Help us to trust in your love so that we may share it freely with others.

All: Amen.

# **Offering Ourselves**

Blessing our Gifts with Music

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

All: Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament Lesson Gospel Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(CEB)* Luke 13:10-17 *(The Message)* 

Rick Cihlar: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

**Responsive Song** "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" (verses 1 & 3) W&S #3139

**Proclaiming** "Every Day is Sabbath" Pastor Dave

**Praying** 

Joys & Concerns Prayers for the People Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "Lord of the Dance" (verses 1, 3, & 5) UMH #261

\*Dismissal with Blessing

**Going Forth to the World**