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

Sunday, August 31st, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Charlotte Ashworth: God calls us to service,

Many Voices: rather than honor.

Charlotte Ashworth: God calls us to love the unknown,

Many Voices: rather than the familiar.

Charlotte Ashworth: We come to this time of worship, Many Voices: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

All: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

TFWS #2236

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Charlotte Ashworth: In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

All: Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 2:7-13 (CEB)
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:7-14 (CEB)

Charlotte Ashworth: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

^{*}Offering Prayer

Responsive Song

UMH #616

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Proclaiming

"Reward from God"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns Prayers for the People Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World