

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY Woodridge United Methodist Church Sunday, September 28th, 2025	16th Sunday after Pentecost
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Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Jane B.: Come and follow Christ, who emptied himself for our sake.

Many Voices: We come to learn humility, compassion, and generosity.

Jane B.: Let go of the weight of pride and selfishness.

Many Voices: We are called to break free from gravity and rise with Christ.

Jane B.: God's mercy runs to meet us with open arms.

Many Voices: We will worship the God of overflowing grace!

*Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Jane B.: Gracious and generous God, you ran to embrace us when we were still far off. You showed us the humility of Christ, who emptied himself for our sake. Free us from the pull of selfishness and scarcity. Lift our hearts toward generosity and joy. Fill our worship with Your Spirit, so that we may leave this place ready to serve and give as Christ gave.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Generous God, you have run to meet us with open arms and clothed us with grace. Receive our gifts as signs of our gratitude and our desire to live generously. Use them to bring hope, healing, and freedom to all who need your embrace. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:3-8 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:11-24 (CEB)

Jane Borgehammar: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Love Lifted Me"

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Proclaiming

"Breaking Free from Gravity - Generosity"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World