

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 8th, 2026 Scout Sunday 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Presentation of the Colors

*Pledge of Allegiance

*Scout Oath & Law

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Pack 104 and Troop 109 Members

*Call to Worship

Wally: People of God, why are you here?

Many Voices: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

Wally: People of God, whom do you worship?

Many Voices: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us the way of love.

Wally: People of God, how do you worship?

Many Voices: We worship by breaking the bonds of injustice, setting the oppressed free, and following Jesus Christ, who embodied God's love in the world.

Wally: People of God, come! Let us worship the One whose glory surrounds us!

Many Voices: May our worship reflect God's glory in our neighborhoods, our communities, and throughout the earth. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

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

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*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Wally: Gracious God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day. For this, we are truly grateful! As we worship today, may our minds be opened to receive your wisdom. May our eyes be opened to the places that need healing. May our hands be opened to do your good work. And may our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Generous God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 112:1- 6 (*CEB*)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16 (*CEB*)

Wally: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Songs

"This Little Light of Mine"

Sharing

"Duty to God"

Dave Miller

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Retiring of the Colors**

Going Forth to the World

Light Refreshments