

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Carol: We come together today, some with hearts full of joy and others with hearts full of questions.

Many Voices: We come as we are, seeking the light of the Resurrected Christ.

Carol: Thomas said, "Unless I see, I will not believe." Jesus says, "Peace be with you."

Many Voices: May this community be a place where we can bring our doubts and find God's grace.

Carol: Whether we see clearly or walk through the fog, God is here.

Many Voices: Let us worship the Lord, who meets us in our uncertainty and leads us into life!

*Opening Hymn

"You Are My All in All"

W&S #3040

* Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Carol: Risen Christ, you came to your disciples in their fear and confusion. You did not turn away from Thomas in his doubt, but met him with patience, grace, and love. Meet us here today. When our faith feels strong, steady us in humility. When our faith feels fragile, hold us in your mercy. Create in this community a safe and holy space where questions are welcomed, where love is constant, and where despair has no power. Speak your peace into our hearts and lead us into deeper trust in you. In your holy name we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Generous and faithful God, you do not turn away from us in our weakness. You meet us in our questions and remain with us in love. As we offer these gifts, we give thanks for the ways you sustain our faith through community, compassion, and grace. Use what we bring to strengthen those who doubt, to encourage those who despair, and to share the hope of the risen Christ with a world longing for peace. Receive these offerings and our very lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Gospel Lesson

John 20:24-31 (CEB)

Carol: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Songs

"He Is Lord"

UMH #177

Proclaiming

"From Doubt to Declaration"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH #560

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World