

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Two Wooden Beams" Worship Band

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation (*Experiences from Grand Canyon Walk*) David and Carlene Smith

*Call to Worship

Martine: Siblings in Christ, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts

Many Voices: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Martine: S Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Many Voices: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Martine: S Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

Many Voices: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

***Opening Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Martine: Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music "Same God" Worship Band

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23 (*NRSVue*)

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47 (*CEB*)

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10 (CEB)

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

Responsive Song

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH #334

Proclaiming

"Abundant Life"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

TFWS #2223

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World

"Judas"

Worship Band