

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 10th, 2026 Mother's Day 6th Sunday of Easter

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Carol: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

Many Voices: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

Carol: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

Many Voices: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

Carol: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

Many Voices: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Carol: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

Many Voices: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH #152

***Passing the Peace**

Opening Prayer

Carol: God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: God of love and justice, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of

our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

Acts 17:22-31 *(CEB)*
John 14: 15-21 *(CEB)*

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

Responsive Song

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #393

Proclaiming

“Still Unknown God?”

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH #384

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World
