

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 24th, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Wally: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Many Voices: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Wally: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Many Voices: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Wally: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Many Voices: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Wally: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

Many Voices: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Wally: Holy Spirit, power of God, come and fill us with your strength. May your Spirit touch each of us. Gather us with our different gifts into one community. Give us eyes to see your work. May the winds of the Spirit blow away our fears, and fill us with power. Open our hearts, that we may welcome everyone.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

"We're Family"

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-17 (*NRSVue*)

Song

"Busca Primero"

Second Second

Acts 10: 1-36 (*NRSVue*)

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

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"All Means All"

Proclaiming

"Soul Vaccination" Guest Speaker Rev. Rich Rubietta

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Alleluia, Asifiwe"

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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