

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Father's Day

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Gwenn: When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

Many Voices: And God listens to us.

Gwenn: When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

Many Voices: And God listens to us.

Gwenn: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

Many Voices: And God pays attention to us.

Gwenn: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

Many Voices: May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

*Opening Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH #130

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Gwenn: Holy God, come to us now in this time of worship. Be present our lives, that you may hear our cries, and speak to our souls. Give us your strength, that we may live all the days of our lives in steadfast faith and hope. Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak.

In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open.

Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use

these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to

remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear

because we have been heard. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21 *(CEB)*

New Testament Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11 *(NRSVue)*

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

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS #2129

Proclaiming

"Abraham's Faith 3"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Love Lifted Me"

W&S #3101

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World