

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 28th, 2026 5h Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Troy: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

Many Voices: Our work of peace begins with prayer.

Troy: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Many Voices: Our work of love begins with prayer.

Troy: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

Many Voices: Our work of hope begins with prayer.

Troy: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

Many Voices: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.

--ministrymatters.com

*Opening Hymn

"My Hope is Built"

UMH #368

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Troy: Lord, the hearts of all turn to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

*Written by Christine Longhurst at the re: Worship blog,
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/opening-prayer-feed-us-lord.html>*

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Bless these gifts we offer, and may they be a tangible expression of the hope we share in You. May they be used to empower, equip and encourage your people, in this congregation, in the communities where we live and work, and

around the world. May our giving be a way to practice our hope in the future you are preparing. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

-(WHH)

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Psalm 130 (CEB)

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

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Living for Jesus" (*verses 1 & 4*)

TFWS #2149

Proclaiming

DS Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann

"Practicing Hope"

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH #529

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World