

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 9th, 2026 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Carol: Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night. Welcome the presence of Christ.

Many Voices: We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

Carol: Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the storm. Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.

Many Voices: Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!

*Opening Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation" (*verses 1-4*)

UMH #529

* Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Carol: Merciful God, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Fill us with your faith and courage, that we may never be overwhelmed by great needs, but rather with your great grace, your great strength, your great compassion, your great presence, and your great hope. Fulfill your greatness in us and through us for the honor and glory of your name, for the saving of lives, for the redemption of the world.

All: Amen.

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Faithful God, we lift our voices and our gifts in grateful memory of your saving work. You call us to sing of your goodness and to remember your wonders, even when the way forward is hidden from view. Make us instruments of your purpose—seeds of justice, salt of compassion, and signs of your steadfast love. Receive what we bring as praise made tangible, and send us out as a people who remember, who trust, and who sing of your deliverance in every season. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 105:1-6 (*CEB*)

New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:13-15 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33 (*CEB*)

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

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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Proclaiming

"Call on the Name of the Lord"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World