

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 20th, 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Prelude**

"Carillon Chimes"

Bell Choir

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Wally Jeske:** We gather as a people who have a heritage which we celebrate today.

**Many Voices: We gladly claim our heritage!**

**Wally Jeske:** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**Many Voices: And let us run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**Wally Jeske:** Let us answer God's call, and John Wesley's call, to live a life of holiness.

**Many Voices: With God's grace, we will do so.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"We Sing to You, O God"

TFWS #2001

**Passing the Peace**

**Opening Prayer**

**Wally Jeske:** Almighty God, who has guided Woodridge United Methodist Church through these 60 years, we give you thanks and praise for the many blessings, help, and comfort you have bestowed upon your people in this place from its foundation. Continue, we pray, to pour out your many mercies upon your church, that we may always be conscious of your unchanging love. Direct and prosper all that we undertake according to your will and purpose. Correct all that may be amiss or imperfect, and by the power of your Holy Spirit inspire and enable every member of your Church in word and deed to proclaim to all people the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who with you and the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen!**

**Blessing Our Children**

Karen Miller

**Offering Ourselves/Thanksgiving**

**Pastor Dave:** Eternal and loving God, we give thanks to you for your goodness throughout all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

**Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.**

**Pastor Dave:** For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, and for their gifts and abilities:

**Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.**

**Pastor Dave:** For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and resources, and for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

**Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.**

**Pastor Dave:** Give us the assurance that we belong to that great company of witnesses, but save us from living in the past or resting on the work of others. Help us to find a new beginning and a fresh vision, so that we may know our task in this place and in the world today; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

Blessing our Gifts with Music

“Beach Spring”

Bell Choir

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Job 31:29-40 (NRSVUE)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:43-45 (NRSVUE)

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

**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Song**

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”

W&S #3148

**Proclaiming**

**“Radical Disciple – Job 2”**

Pastor Dave

**Welcome New Members**

**Joys and Concerns**

*Text Pastor Dave (224.600.0446) with your prayer requests or give him a note before worship service.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH #555

**Remembrance**

**Pastor Dave:** Remember the brave and faithful people and pastors who brought God’s message to this place. Let us not forget them. By their efforts, this congregation was gathered, given order, built up, and sustained.

**Many Voices: We remember them with thanksgiving.**

**Pastor Dave:** Let us follow as they have followed, in the way, truth, and life of Jesus Christ, the head of the church. With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Bell Choir