AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY Woodridge United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 5th, 2025

18th Sunday in Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Larry: Come, people of God! Gather to worship the One who provides for all our needs.
Many Voices: We come with thankful hearts, ready to offer our lives to God.
Larry: Like Joseph, we remember that even in difficult seasons, God's hand is at work.
Many Voices: We trust the Lord who turns hardship into blessing and calls us to be faithful stewards.

Larry: Let us lift our hearts to the One who frees us from the gravity of greed and fear.

Many Voices: We come to worship God with joy, generosity, and hope!

*Opening Hymn

"God of Great and God of Small"

W&S #3033

Opening Prayer

Larry: God of abundance and grace, you are the giver of every good gift. You were with Joseph in the pit, in prison, and in Pharaoh's palace, shaping him to be a faithful steward of your purpose. Teach us to see your hand at work in every place we find ourselves. Free us from the pull of selfishness and fear so that we may live generously, investing our treasures, time, and hearts in your kingdom. We dedicate this time of worship to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

All: Gracious God, you have blessed us with life, purpose, and abundance. Receive these gifts, and use them to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to your world. Help us, like Joseph, to be good stewards wherever we are — faithful in hardship, humble in success, and generous in spirit. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45:4-8 (CEB)
Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:19-21 (CEB)

Larry: The Word of God for the People of God. **Many Voices:** Thanks be to God.

^{*}Offering Prayer

Responsive Song "Fill My Cup, Lord" (verses 1 & 2) W&S #3093

Proclaiming "Breaking Free from Gravity – Steward" Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns Prayers for the People Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS #2032

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World