

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 9th, 2025 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Come Christians Join to Sing" Bell Choir

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Dianne Marcell: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

Many Voices: **The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**

Dianne Marcell: Yet God is with us.

Many Voices: **All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.**

Dianne Marcell: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

Many Voices: **Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (*verses 1, 3 & 5*) UMH #315

***Passing the Peace**

Opening Prayer

Dianne Marcell: Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us and the ground beneath us quakes, you hold us firm. As the world around us rattles, you erase fear from our hearts. Whether on earth or in heaven, your loving Spirit endures. It pervades the limitless reaches of your creation. Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit, and still us during moments of uncertainty.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music "Breathe On Me Breath of God" Bell Choir

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Holy, Steadfast Love, as we abide together in your realm, you bring stillness to our hurried world. Even as the world quakes and our anxiety builds, your peace blesses our souls. Help us share this serenity with our companions on the road. Bless the gifts we return to you this day, that they may bring unity to your realm and hope for a harmonious universe. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Haggai 2:3-9 (*NRSVue*)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 20:27-38 (*NRSVue*)

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

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

Responsive Song

"I Love the Lord"

W&S #3142

Proclaiming

"God of the Living"

Pastor Dave Yim

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Responsive Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"When We Are Living" (*verses 1-4*)

UMH #356

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Going Forth to the World**

"Simple Gifts"

Bell Choir