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

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

Children's Sabbath

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Jisung: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

Many Voices: Thus says our God, the Holy One.

Jisung: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

Many Voices: Celebrate all that is coming to you.

Jisung: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

Many Voices: And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

Jisung: You shall build homes and live in them;

Many Voices: plant gardens and eat from them.

Jisung: Whenever you call, I will answer.

Many Voices: When you cry out, I will come.

Jisung: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

Many Voices: Everything will become a new creation.

*Opening Hymn

"Joy in the Morning"

TFWS #2284

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Jiwon: Loving and merciful God, we give you thanks. You bring us strength when we feel weak, and courage when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our lives with your grace. Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care, that our days may be long to bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised!

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Restoring God, as we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kingdom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ's name, who is our joy. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson (Maya) New Testament Lesson (Jiho) Isaiah 12 *(CEB)*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *(CEB)*

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

Responsive Song "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

Proclaiming Jovie's Mission Trip Presentation

Praying

Joys & Concerns Responsive Prayer Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Going Forth to the World