

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY Woodridge United Methodist Church Sunday, October 18th, 2026 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Financial Blessings

***Call to Worship**

Martine: The Lord has opened the storehouses of heaven and poured out every good gift upon us.

Many Voices: God has blessed us so that through us, all the families of the earth may be blessed!

Martine: We come today not to serve our possessions, but to worship the Giver of all good things.

Many Voices: We bring our whole hearts—undivided, passionate, and ready to listen.

Martine: Come, let us offer our work, our wealth, and our lives to the God who loves us first.

Many Voices: Let us worship God with joy and open hands!

***Opening Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

***Passing the Peace**

Opening Prayer

Martine: Gracious and Generous God, you are the source of every blessing and the Giver of all good gifts. You called Abraham to be a blessing to the nations, and through Jesus Christ, you have made us heirs of your everlasting covenant. Forgive us, Lord, for the times our hearts become divided—when we worship your gifts rather than you, or rely on our wealth rather than your grace. Cleanse our hearts today. Align our desires with your Word, and teach us to manage our time, work, and resources with wisdom, diligence, and joy. As we gather on this Commitment Sunday, open our eyes to see how you are working in us and through us to bless our neighbors and the world. In the holy and generous name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Generous God, everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You. You have blessed our work, provided for our daily needs, and invited us to participate in your mission to heal and restore the world. As we bring our tithes, offerings,

and 2027 pledge commitments to your altar today, we ask that you bless these gifts. May every dollar be used intentionally to share your love, feed the hungry, care for our community, and strengthen the ministry of Woodridge UMC. Free us from fear and impulse, and grant us the joy of cheerful givers who lay up treasure in heaven. Multiply these offerings so that through us, all the families of the earth may know your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-3 *(CEB)*

New Testament Lesson

Acts 3:24-26 *(CEB)*

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-22 *(CEB)*

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

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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Proclaiming

"Cheerful Givers"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World