AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 22nd, 2026 *Christ the King Sunday*

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Native American Heritage Month Presentation

*Call to Worship

Carol: Enter God's gates with gladness,
Many Voices: and God's courts with praise.
Carol: Rejoice as God's people,
Many Voices: and rest as sheep in God's pasture.
Carol: Serve God with joyful hearts,
Many Voices: and worship God with justice and mercy.

*Opening Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" UMH #75

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Carol: Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth.
All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music "Oh, How I Love the Name of Jesus" Adult Choir
*Doxology
*Offering Prayer

All: Compassionate Shepherd, you have blessed us beyond measure and taught us to find your face in the hungry, the lonely, the stranger, and the forgotten. Receive these gifts and receive our lives, that we may become people whose generosity flows not from obligation but from love. Use our offerings to feed, welcome, comfort, and restore, so that others may glimpse your kingdom through our care. And when we serve our neighbors, awaken us to the holy mystery that we are serving you. Shape us into disciples whose greatest joy is to love as Christ first loved us. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1st Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16 *(CEB)*

2nd Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 100 *(CEB)*
Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:31-46 *(CEB)*

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

Responsive Song "Open My Eyes, That I May See" *(verses 1&2)* UMH #454

Proclaiming **"I Will Tend My Sheep with Justice"** Pastor Dave

Praying
Joys & Concerns
Responsive Prayer
Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World