

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Holy Humor Sunday April 16, 2023
Where Jesus is the Life of the Party

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PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND NEWS

***CALL TO LAUGHTER**

Leader: This is the time to rejoice!

All: What better time than now?!

One: This is the day to laugh:

All: What did the pastor say to the people?

Pastor Ninabeth: Lettuce pray!

Leader: What is the greatest joke ever?

All: The One God played on death on Easter morning!

***OPENING HYMN**

He Rose

UMH #316

PRAYER

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

THE BASKET

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give and joy and peace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

(silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The gospels tell us over and over again of the joy and peace which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, and the sorrowful began to laugh. The good news is that Christ comes to fill us with peace and joy, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

HYMN

Grace Alone

TFWS #2162

Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we will make
Is only by His grace
Every mountain we will climb
Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Every soul we long to reach
Every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Every loving word we say
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE *Knock! Knock!*

HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH #431

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you.

**WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING
OFFERTORY**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we offer our gifts to you, Loving God, remove any doubts about how they might be used, as you offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH #304

BENEDICTION

ONE: The Laughing One called us together

ALL: so we could share in the laughter of life.

ONE: The Laughing One sends us out,

ALL: to carry the joy of life and love to the world.

ONE: Go out to laugh, to live, to love. And when you hear a good joke...

ALL: remember that sharing is a great thing!

POSTLUDE

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a celebration of Maureen.

Book Club will meet in the French Chapel

Attention High School Graduating Seniors

The United Methodist Women Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office and must be returned by May 15th. ** Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne**

Any questions contact Nancy Kinch. (973) 694-2603 or nkinch@aol.com

Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings

at 7am on Facebook.

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.

You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS April 16th , 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 17th – April 23rd

Monday April 17th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday April 18th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Wednesday April 19th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Adult Spiritual Formation @ 12 pm "In the Footsteps of the Savior"

Grace Café @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Thursday April 20th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday April 21st

Prayer & Devotion @ 7am on Facebook with Pastor Ninabeth

Boy Scouts @ 7:30pm in the Underground

Sunday April 23rd

Worship @ 10am *Mignano Baptism*

WEBSITE NEWS!

Our Website has moved but the name remains the same

UMCWAYNE.ORG

It will be fully up to date soon. Our weekly bulletin and announcements and our monthly Messenger are available for viewing or downloading.

Any comments relating to the website can be sent

to tech@umcwayne.org

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