

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



**The Wide-Open Spaces of God  
The Promised Land  
Holy Communion**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**UMC in Wayne**

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## PRELUDE

## GREETINGS AND NEWS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us enter the land that God has prepared for us,

**All: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Leader: Our days of wandering in the barren desert are at an end.

**All: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Leader: Hungry and thirsty, we cry out in deep despair.

**All: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Leader: The land is fertile and rich, with good rain in season.

**All: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

Leader: The harvest is bountiful.

**All: We dwell in the land God has prepared for us.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*UMH #519*

## GATHERING PRAYER

**God, companion and guide, we would be lost without your direction—wanderers in wildernesses of our own making.**

**We praise you for dealing so graciously with your people in the past, when you guided them to freedom and a promised new life.**

**We are heirs of that promise fulfilled in Jesus, our Redeemer and Lord.**

**Through him, you have established for us a permanent direction for our lives and as we dwell in him, our lives are blessed with fruitfulness.**

**Holy God, may this time of worship be a joyful response of praise and thanksgiving for all that you have done, for all that you are doing, and for all that you will continue to do for us and all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## THE BASKET

*Thanksgiving Song*

## SCRIPTURE

**Deuteronomy 8:6-14**

**Common English Bible**

Keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him, because the Lord your God is bringing you to a wonderful land, a land

with streams of water, springs, and wells that gush up in the valleys and on the hills; a land of wheat and barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; a land where you will eat food without any shortage—you won't lack a thing there—a land where stone is hard as iron and where you will mine copper from the hills. You will eat, you will be satisfied, and you will bless the Lord your God in the wonderful land that he's given you.

But watch yourself! Don't forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commands or his case laws or his regulations that I am commanding you right now. When you eat, get full, build nice houses, and settle down, and when your herds and your flocks are growing large, your silver and gold are multiplying, and everything you have is thriving, don't become arrogant, forgetting the Lord your God: the one who rescued you from Egypt, from the house of slavery;

Don't think to yourself, My own strength and abilities have produced all this prosperity for me.

## **MESSAGE**

*The Promised Land*

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Grace and Glory, when we find our selves in the landscape of the Promised Land, we declare that; we hit our sweet spot, we belong, we are in a really good place, we are living in the flow, we are at peace, we are at home...**

**Our heart sings and our soul soars on eagles' wings.**

**Forgive us when we get so caught up in living the "good life" that we forget You. You who delights in dwelling with us, experiencing with us all that life is.**

**Forgive us when we think that our own strength and abilities produced this prosperity.**

**Forgive us when we forget that we are blessed to be a blessing to others so that they too can thrive and live with You and your creation in the Promised Land.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Holy One declares, "Come to me and you will live. I will be with you forever."

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH #599

### **WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Give Thanks*

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

#### ***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**

**Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.**

***Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.*

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Communion Setting**    *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*God Be With You till We Meet Again*

*UMH #672*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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***We offer many ways to give:***

*In the sanctuary or by mail.*

*Online at [www.umcwayne.org](http://www.umcwayne.org)*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Makers Place Camp 10am – 2pm

#### **Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYOLunch

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO dinner

#### **Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

#### **Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7am on Facebook

#### **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Worship @ 10am

### **Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings**

**Live at 7am on Facebook**

**Facebook.com/umc.wayne**

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30-minute gathering.

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

***Pastor Ninabeth will be away on vacation from  
August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>***



Our annual **Rummage Sale** will be held on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM (\$5 first-pick entrance fee) and on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We are currently collecting items, if you have donations please bring to the French Chapel. (Please see details of types of donations we will or won't accept on bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary.)

We are **seeking volunteers** for our **Rummage Sale** to help with sorting, pricing, cleaning up, etc. Opportunities to give of your time towards our biggest outreach event of the year will be **Tuesday 9/12, Wednesday 9/13, Thursday 9/14 starting at 6:30pm, Friday 9/15, & Saturday 9/16 all day!**

*Sign-up sheet is on Bulletin Board outside of the Church's Office!*

**The words and music in our hymns and songs are by:**

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**MAKERS PLACE**

**CAMP**

**FREE**

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10 am - 2 pm  
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973-694-3260  
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Drop in or staying the  
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Community Themed STEAM  
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