

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



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October 1, 2023

Holy Communion and Blessing of the Pets

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**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens are telling your glory, God; and the firmament proclaims your handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares your Word.

Leader: The stars have lit their candles

All: The dawn puts on its robe and begins the procession.

Leader: The great organ of the wind and the choir of the sea lift up their music.

All: The trees and mountains stand in awe of you.

Leader: The whales and the meadowlarks sing their praise.

All: The rivers flow with their offerings.

Leader: And even the continents, ever so slowly, dance with joy.

All: And we, your creatures, gather with all our sibling creatures to glorify you, to hear your Word, and to worship. Alleluia!

HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH #147

THE BASKET *Blessing of the Animals*

A PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

God of love and beauty, you have fashioned every creature with your hands.

You look upon every creature with your eyes. You hold every creature in your heart.

So we pray for the creatures you have given us. We give thanks for animals that give us companionship. We give thanks for animals that help and serve. We ask your blessing for animals we love. We pray for good health and happy life for them.

May their presence comfort us, their loyalty reassure us.

May the playfulness of puppies and the songs of birds remind us always of your grace.

May all their differences of fur and feather, great and small, remind us that you love us all. In our care for them may we reflect your care for us. God of all living, in all our different voices, with barks and yips and purrs and chirps, and with silence, too, we praise you, we ask your blessing, and we trust your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:1-14 Common English Bible

He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment. Workers deserve to be fed, so don't gather gold or silver or copper coins for your money belts to take on your trips. Don't take a backpack for the road or two shirts or sandals or a walking stick. Whatever city or village you go into, find somebody in it who is worthy and stay there until you go on your way. When you go into a house, say, 'Peace!' If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if the house isn't worthy, take back your blessing. If anyone refuses to welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or city.

MESSAGE:

Francis: The Patron Saint of Ecology

*When Francis preached love to the birds
They listened, fluttered, throttled up
Into the blue like a flock of words*

*Released for fun from his holy lips.
Then wheeled back, whirred about his head,
Pirouetted on brothers' capes.*

*Danced on the wing, for sheer joy played
And sang, like images took flight.
Which was the best poem Francis made,*

*His argument true, his tone light.
~ Seamus Heaney*

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

**Creator God, we confess we have not honored your Creation;
we have not loved it as you have loved us.
We have thought ourselves separate, not part of your Creation.
Forgive our ignorance and arrogance, our greed and destructiveness.
Bring us again into the oneness of your Creation;
forgive us, heal our fears and transform our desires, and shepherd us to be
good stewards of the gift of life.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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**

We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love.

May our offerings distribute this love to the world:

**the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know;
the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.**

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 of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

UMH #122

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please Join us at 11:30am for Blessing of the Pets
Outside of the Narthex Doors near the circle.
Invite your friends!

FIRST FRIDAY AT UMC IN WAYNE

Please join us on Friday October 6th at 12pm as we
celebrate our Heritage!

Bring a story or an object that talks about where your
family comes from.

BYO Lunch

Our First Sabbath Walk is at North Cove Park

On Saturday October 7th at 8:30am

Let us know you will be attending by

Registering on the Creative Care page on our website

Umcwayne.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS October 1, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 2 - October 8

Monday October 2nd

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

Tuesday October 3rd

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday October 4th

Bible Study @12pm in Room 8 BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Grace Café @6:30pm in Room 8 BYO Dinner

Thursday October 5th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday October 6th

First Friday celebrating our heritage @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO lunch

Boy Scouts in the Underground

Saturday October 7th

Sabbath Walk @ 8:30am in North Cove Park

Sunday October 8th

Worship with Holy Communion @ 10am

Administrative Council Meeting after Worship

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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