



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17th 2023**

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PRELUDE

Parish Drive

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, you alone give us life!

All: We praise you. We thank you. We worship you.

Leader: Crucified and risen Christ, you show us the way of life.

All: We hear you. We love you. We follow you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you fill us with life, and call us to honor life.

All: We receive you. We breathe you. We bear you into the world.

Leader: Teach us your ways. Change our hearts. Re-create us again.

All: Alleluia! Come, Spirit of life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, to our souls made brittle by constant score keeping,
You are the moisture that softens and washes the record clean;
To our hearts exhausted from carrying the burden of being right,
You are the bed that beckons us to rest and slip into the dream of being
loved;
To our minds confused by the logic of law,
You are the unreasonable child who leads us to dance impishly across the
lines;
For all this we praise You,
and for the shocking freedom it brings we thank You.
Amen

HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

UMH #170

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:21-35 Common English Bible

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

“When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

“Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

“When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MESSAGE: *Keeping Score*

ANTHEM

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PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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.

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**

Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Go Forth for God

UMH #670

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Book Club Meets Today after Worship!

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For all the ways you helped
make our "Rummage" Sale a success!***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS September 17, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 18 - 24

Monday September 18th

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

Tuesday September 19th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Wednesday September 20^h

Bible Study @12pm in Room 8 BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

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

Thursday September 21st

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday September 22nd

BoyScouts in the Underground

Sunday September 24th

Worship @ 10am

Save the Date!
Sunday October 1st at 11:30am
Blessing of our Pets
Outside of the Narthex Doors near the circle.
Invite your friends!

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.



PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday and Wednesday's classes beginning the Week of September 24th.
Join us this fall as we walk through Paul's Letter to the Philippians with Professor
N.T.Wright. In this study we will:

- Develop a deeper appreciation for the way Paul presents his message as a prisoner for Christ in this delightful epistle.
- Discern the implications of Paul's message as you look at the present age and manner of life around you
- Understand the heart of Paul's message to the Philippian church
- Apply the contents and principles of the letter to your own inner life of devotion
- Present a coherent summary of this letter of hope and encouragement
- Embrace the beauty of both 'holiness' and 'unity' as the people of God
- Learn to live out your commitment to King Jesus in the 'public square' with conviction and fidelity

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