



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24th 2023

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PRELUDE

Forgiveness

Parish Drive

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:1-5)**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

All: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God;

All: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: Seek the LORD and God's strength;

All: Seek God's presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done,

All: God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

Leader: Give thanks to God as we enter this time of worship,

All: Remembering all God has done for us.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, the world often seems unfair, confusing or threatening. You are our solid ground, our mercy, our hope. Speak to us your peace. We open our hearts to your grace. Fill us with your Spirit, in the presence and love of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

UMH #731

THE BASKET

ANTHEM

The Greatest

Parish Drive

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

“Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

MESSAGE: *Fair’s Fair*

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 *adapted from Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16
God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear the stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH #396

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Heart of the Matter

Parish Drive

**You are invited to stand or sit.*

Next Sunday October 1st is Blessing of our Pets

*For those who **cannot** bring your pet;*

Please bring a picture to put on our Altar!

*For those who **can** bring their pet:*

Join us at 11:30am

Outside of the Narthex Doors near the circle.

Invite your friends!

Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.

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In the sanctuary or by mail.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS September 24, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 25- October 1

Monday September 25th

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

Tuesday September 26th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday September 27^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 28th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday September 29th

BoyScouts in the Underground

Sunday October 1st

Worship with Holy Communion @ 10am

Blessing of the Pets @ 11:30am on the Church lawn

Save the date!

**Sunday October 8th ~ 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.

PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

Beginning this week!
Tuesday @7pm or Wednesday @12pm BYO Lunch.



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

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

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