



## **Philippians: A Word About Unity**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** from Philippians 2:5-11

**We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ, who, though He was in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. Instead, he emptied Himself completely, not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave.**

**He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.**

**So God raised Him up with great honor, and gave Him a name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus everyone— in heaven and on earth and even under the earth might bow down, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

**This is our God— the God we have come to worship!**

## **HYMN**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*UMH #154*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Mysterious God, You reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Child who gives us a glimpse your glory and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy: the holiness that is You, your creation, your people, united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear and injustice.**

**Meet us here today, O Unity, and teach us to be one:**

**One in love for each other.**

**One in understanding with all who find in Jesus the Way to You.**

**One in peace with all who find other paths to your Truth.**

**We ask all this in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever:**

**“May they all be one.”**

## **THE BASKET**

**SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:27-2:4 NRSVUE**

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

**MESSAGE:**            *Living in the Center of Joy & Suffering*

**ANTHEM**                            *Down to the River to Pray*

**A COMPANION LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED** *see insert*

**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

Loving God, you have seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through acts of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in our community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

### \* CLOSING HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*UMH #189*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

***Book Club Meets today after Worship!***

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS October 15, 2023**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 16 – October 22**

#### **Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

#### **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Room 8 BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

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

#### **Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

#### **Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Boy Scouts in the Underground

#### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Worship @ 10am Laity Sunday!

**Save the Date!**

**Laity Sunday is October 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

**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.

Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
at the Butler UMC  
Registration 11:10 - 11:25 am  
Worship 11:30 - 12:00 pm Church  
Conference 12:05 - 12:45 pm

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October 8 – A Word About Love

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## A Prayer for Peace

Beloved God, you have shown us through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ that you feel the pains of the world, the sins of the world, the griefs of the world. You have shown us that our relentless turn to violence is ever more gall, more nails, more spears. And our hearts cry out in sorrowful confession that we crucify you anew through every pain we inflict upon our world.

Beloved God, you have shown us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that you receive our ills for the sake of transforming our ills, that you experience our deaths for the sake of renewing our lives, that you feel our many forms of violence for the sake of impelling us to join in your own loving will toward reconciliation and peace.

Beloved God, open us to sharing more deeply your own love for this our world. Pull us into your will toward reconciliation and peace. Transform these agonies of war into agonies of peace, until we yearn for peace so profoundly that we become your channels for its accomplishment.

Through Jesus Christ our crucified and resurrected Lord, Amen.

*Written by Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, from the book "Prayer For the New Social Awakening: Inspired by the New Social Creed"*

*The original Social Creed written in 1908 can be found on the back cover of our hymnal. The World Methodist Social Affirmation can be found on page 886 of our hymnal.*



**Our Social Creed**  
**The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church – 2016**

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.  
Amen.

## **A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed**

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace  
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day God deploras violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

***And so shall we.***

***Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we.***