

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Laity Sunday
October 22nd 2023

UMC in Wayne

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PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Cathy Nalesnick

WELCOME

Anita Dispenziere

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rich Jackson

Leader: We are called to hold tight to words that bring life.

All: We know God is speaking good news through scripture, song, and neighbors, both known and new to us.

Leader: We listen for grace at work in everything, for good, for life.

All: We know wise words serve Love's purpose.

Leader: In all we say and do, we are learning what it means to be faithful – as those called “to serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free.”

All: We thank God for the good news of Jesus' love and healing words of life.

HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH #601

OPENING PRAYER

Pat Moore

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lead Me, Lord

Jubilation Ringers

THE BASKET

Jennifer Schiffrin

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:3-14

Susan Whitty

I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to

revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

MESSAGE:

Pastor Victoria Luna and Don Matthews

ANTHEM

Wonderful Words of Life

Choir Ensemble

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lyn Sentkowski

Lay leader: Savior, God, and Friend – help us speak grace into the lives of those you love.

All: Savior, help us listen and bear witness to your good news for all.

Lay leader: God, we trust your script brings life.

All: God, help us remember the words to your salvation song.

Lay leader: We know you are calling us to something beautiful and new.

All: Friend of the forgotten and lonely, help our deeds and words to heal and help.

Lay leader: God, help us draw near to this broken world through your church.

All: Jesus, speak the word, and we will echo your call.

Lay leader: God, draw us together in your love for life.

All: Savior, God, and Friend, we are your people. Help us remember that your faithful love is greater than our best words that speak of it. Amen.

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**

Cathy Nalesnik

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Victoria Luna

Go into the world, sharing healthy words that bring life, always bearing witness to Love's pattern of patience, mercy, and saving grace.
May God Our Savior – Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of Life – be with you today and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of Fellowship!

Thank you to the following people who participated in this morning's worship:

Audio/Video: Joe Tible, Joe Wyks, Larry Gaines

Ushers: Mike Lakner, Paul Papadopoulos

Opening and closing the building: Nancy Kinch

Welcome: Anita Dispenziere

Call to Worship: Rich Jackson

Opening Prayer: Pat Moore

Jubilation Ringers: Marilyn Creamer, Aidan and Brian Creamer,
Beth Willer, Aaron, Chrissy, and Olivia Mercado, Lyn Sentkowski,
Cathy Nalesnik, Liz Tible, Pat Moore

The Basket/Children's Message: Jennifer Schiffrin

Scripture Reader: Susan Whitty

Choir Ensemble: Lyn Sentkowski, Pat Moore, Beth Willer, Beth Foster,
Deb Foray, Anita Dispenziere, Marilyn Creamer, Liz Tible, Cathy Nalesnik,
Paul Papadopoulos, Judy Stabile

Bassist: Michael Michel

Moderator: Don Matthews

Message: Pastor Victoria Luna

Prayer of the People: Lyn Sentkowski

Offering Prayer: Cathy Nalesnik

Benediction: Pastor Victoria Luna

Fellowship Time: Linda Lakner & Rich Jackson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS October 22, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 23 – October 29

Monday October 23rd

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

Tuesday October 24th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday October 25th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Room 8 BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

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

Thursday October 26th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday October 27th

Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on FaceBook

Boy Scouts in the Underground

Saturday October 28th

UMC in Wayne Church Conference @ Butler UMC 11am – 12:45pm

Sunday October 29th

Worship @ 10am with Parish Drive!

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 28th
at the Butler UMC
Registration 11:10 - 11:25 am
Worship 11:30 - 12:00 pm Church
Conference 12:05 - 12:45 pm

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

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PHILIPPIANS SERMON SERIES

October 29 – A Word About Holiness

November 5 – A Word About Joy

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