



**Thanksgiving Sunday  
November 19, 2023**

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**PRELUDE**

*Lifesong*

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Loving God, you create us in your image and claim us as your children.

**All: We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise!**

Leader: You give us gifts, each different, and bless us with your grace.

**All: We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise!**

Leader: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may serve you with love and joy.

**All: We give you our lives in thanksgiving and praise! Alleluia!**

**INTROIT**

*“We Gather Together”*

*Jubilation Ringers*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of abundant blessings, you give us the gift of Creation; you give us the gift of life; you give us the gifts of all that we possess. Everything is a gift from you. We turn to you now to receive the gift of your Word, so that we might be transformed by your grace and filled with your spirit of abundance. We listen for your Word, and we open our hearts to your presence. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

*UMH #150*

**THE BASKET**

**SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents

also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## **MESSAGE**

*A Daring, Fruitful Life*

## **ANTHEM**

*Praise Will Be My Song*

*Parish Drive*

## **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**

**Having received abundantly, we offer ourselves abundantly. Send us into the world, transformed by your spirit of generosity, to invest ourselves in the mending of all Creation, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

**\* CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* *UMH #581*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *All Together Now* *Parish Drive*

***Please join us for a time of Fellowship!***

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We offer many ways to give:***

*In the sanctuary or by mail.*

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*Text “GIVING” to 973-447-3223*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS November 19, 2023**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 20 – November 26**

#### **Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Wayne Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm at Our Lady of Consolation  
AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

#### **Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground  
Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

#### **Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

#### **Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Happy Thanksgiving

#### **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship @10am

### **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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# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1

First Friday Fellowship Group @ 1pm

DECEMBER 3

1st Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10am

DECEMBER 10

2nd Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10am

DECEMBER 17

3rd Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10am  
Festival of Lessons & Carols @ 4:30pm  
Open House @ the Parsonage after festival

DECEMBER 21

Blue Christmas on the Longest Night 6pm - 8pm

DECEMBER 24

4th Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10am  
Christmas Eve Family Service with Parish Drive @ 4:30pm  
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols @ 7:00pm





**A Festival of Lessons and Carols**

December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm  
at UMC in Wayne

**New Jersey Choral Society** (Lyn S performing):

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30  
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00  
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30  
Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood

**The Ridgewood Singers are presenting their winter concert**

Sunday December 3 at 2 PM.  
At the First Presbyterian Church on  
East Ridgewood Ave in Ridgewood.

*See Cathy Nalesnik and Anita Dispenziere  
for tickets or information about the Ridgewood Singers*



**Monday November 20, 2023  
7 pm**

**Our Lady of Consolation**

**1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne  
NJ 07470**

*Anyone who would like to sing  
"Sanctuary" for the offertory with the  
Community Choir please arrive at  
6:30pm.*

**SAVE THE DATE!  
FIRST FRIDAY GATHERING DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

Join us at 12pm in Fellowship Hall  
Bring your lunch and your favorite hymn!

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