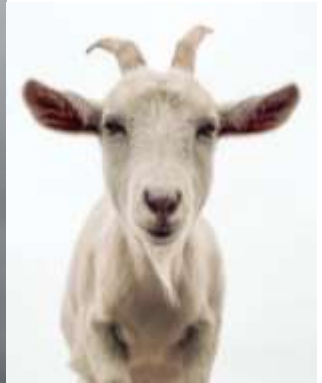


The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



**Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

ALL: We are grateful to be here, remembering all that Christ has done for us.

ONE: Friends and family – all are welcome in the house of the Lord.

ALL: Those who are new to our church, those who seek, those who feel lost and alone.

ONE: Christ meets us here; he breaks the bread of salvation for us.

ALL: He embraces us with his transforming and forgiving love.

ONE: Dear friends, let us rejoice in God's love.

ALL: We are called to receive that love and reach out in compassion to others.

OPENING PRAYER

**How we underestimate your compassion, Jesus;
we are too easily convinced that you frown more than you smile, that our
weakness and ignorance, our mistakes and sins, guarantee nothing but
judgement from you.**

**Yet, time and again you show us that this picture is unworthy of you; after
all, you said it – you didn't come to judge but to save!**

And so, we thank you and celebrate you:

Your compassion is limitless, and your love is unfailing;

Your welcome is gracious and extravagant and all-inclusive;

Your embrace is healing and transforming;

And your commitment to us is costly and eternal.

**Perhaps we will never really understand how you can be so totally for us,
but perhaps, as we learn to trust, and to lean into your love, we will find the
peace and wholeness that you desire for us.**

**And so we come, we worship, and we open ourselves to your surprising
compassion again. Amen.**

THE BASKET

Thanksgiving Song

(See insert)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

MESSAGE

A Generous, Compassionate Life

HYMN

Give Me Jesus

(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**

Accept and bless these wonderful gifts that they may be used to serve you by serving others in need. AMEN.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of Fellowship!

**Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
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In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcgiving>

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Save the Date!

Our Annual Cookie Sale is Sunday December 17th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS November 26, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 26 – December 3

Monday November 27th

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

Tuesday November 28th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday November 29th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Thursday November 30th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday December 1st

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

First Friday Gathering @12pm in the French Chapel

Creative Care Healing Arts @ 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Sunday December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent HOPE 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 @ 12pm

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 17th at 4:30pm
at UMC in Wayne

New Jersey Choral Society (Lyn S performing):

December 9th at 7:30
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 10th at 3:00
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 12th 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*