



Living in Wonder and Trust
Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture:

All: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Leader: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

All: We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

The Church’s One Foundation

UMH #545

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness,

our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Offer prayers of confession in silence....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

So, remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God’s people, and you belong to God’s household. As God’s household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

MESSAGE

Jennifer Schiffrin

REPONSIVE LITANY

Litany for Christian Unity

UMH #556

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity with your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE 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

How Shall I Come Before the Lord

**How shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself with heart out poured?
And shall I come with offerings?
What shall I give? What shall I bring?**

**Will finest gifts bring God's delight?
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?
What must we be? What must we do?
What does the Lord require of you?**

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**

God of tent and temple, settlement and seashore, you are always moving, always calling us to come along with you into unexpected and wonderful places.

May the gifts of money given here and through our bank accounts help your Church to be dynamic and fluid. May each of us fulfill our own role as a stone in your temple resting upon and supporting one another.

Help us to remember and give thanks for those who formed this temple before us, welcomed us into it and with whom we are still united on earth and in heaven.

We ask these things through Christ our cornerstone. Amen

**Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving-kindness rule your day,
that, as this earthly path you trod,
you shall walk humbly with your God.**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH #560

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship
with food and conversation in fellowship hall***

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE



Please see the sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex to sign up to bring an item for Sunday Coffee Hour.

Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation

from Thursday July 18th through Saturday July 27th

***for Pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Donald Kirschner at 973-771-9511
Pastor Donald serves the Montville UMC and the Boonton UMC***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS July 21, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 22nd ~ July 28th

Monday July 22nd

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

Tuesday July 23rd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday July 24th

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Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday July 26th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday July 28th

Worship @ 10am

VBS/STEAM CONVENTION

STEAM/VBS is canceled due to lack of interest. However, we are going to bring some of the STEAM fun to our summer Sunday School and extend a fee into Fellowship time.

If you have questions, please email Chrissy, chrissy@umcwayne.org



RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION

We will begin collection for the Rummage Sale, **July 1st through September 21st 2024.**

We are accepting: clothing, household items, home decor, small appliances, jewelry, hats, scarves, pocket-books, toys, sporting goods, holiday decor, yarn, handheld tools, antiques, Lenox, baby items, puzzles, games.

We are **NOT** collecting: Electronics, Furniture, Books (only Children's books allowed), Stuffed Animals. Thank you!

DONATIONS OF **CLOTHING** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **CHOIR ROOM OR CENTER TABLE** in the **CHAPEL/LOUNGE**. **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **FRENCH CHAPEL**.

The **Grieves Memorial Garden** has been in existence for over 30 years, where the continual upkeep has been provided by the various committee members and volunteers throughout those years. Because of the continual growth and aging of the natural environment, along with the deer population, professional services are needed at this time. If anyone in Wayne could recommend a reputable landscaping company, please contact either Ginny Perazzone (973-632-9441) or Don Stone (973-879-5423).

SAVE THE DATE...DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

We are having our dinner and silent auction (and band) at The Village Inn in Wayne. The tables are round and seat 10, so tell your family and friends to save the date as well!

Lyn will need a few people to help with the silent auction. She will need, baskets, donations of services, monetary donations and more. What is most needed is willing and able hands to help!

Flyers and more information will be out in the next few weeks so stay tuned!

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