



*Living in Wonder and Trust*  
*Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 28, 2024**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of abundance, you provide Creation, overflowing with life and beauty.

**All: In awe we praise you.**

Leader: Christ, you accompany us in our deepest struggles with infinite love and grace.

**All: In gratitude we thank you.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you fill us with all the gifts we need to serve you with compassion and power.

**All: In trust, we open ourselves to your presence. Alleluia!**

## OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

## OPENING PRAYER

Your glory flows through all generations, as you name every family in heaven and on earth. And so we come to you this day, O God.

Your grace is higher than the farthest star; your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness; your love spans the abyss of death; your hope stretches into all eternity. And so we come to you this day, O Christ.

When our lives bottom out, your grace is still our bedrock; when our spirits run dry, you fill us with your joy; when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us to serve with hope and peace. And so we come to you this day, O Spirit.

God in Community, Holy in One, we come to you this day,

## THE BASKET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though we run hot and cold, fickle and changing in our faith, your love remains certain and constant;

Though we grow tired and disillusioned, bored and distracted far too easily, your love stays true to the end;

**Though we allow our grief and anger, to turn us away from grace and mercy, your love refuses to let go;  
We praise and thank you, O God, for your relentless love, for it's abundant availability, and for so flooding our lives with love, that some must, inevitably overflow and warm others with its touch.  
Amen.**

*Offer prayers of confession in silence....*

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

**All: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **MESSAGE**

*Rooted and Grounded In Love*

## **PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

ONE: In our daily choices and relationships, in our homes and communities,

**All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

ONE: In our citizenship and country, in our national discourse and social participation,

**All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

ONE: In our world and on the earth, in our care for the planet, and our sharing of its resources,

**All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

One: And may your love fill the globe, so that followers and leaders, poor and wealthy, weak and powerful, servant and served,

**All: May live aligned to your love. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

*UMH #175*

## **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**

**In our hands, the gifts seem so paltry, but in yours, they can bring plentitude of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with yours, we can indeed bring healing, community, peace, and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and our gifts, multiply our hopes and our efforts, that your wonders might come into the world around us. 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**

*How Can We Name a Love*

*UMH #111*

**BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY**

**POSTLUDE**

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

**Welcome back Pastor Ninabeth!**

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

**Please consider signing up to bring items and help out for coffee hour.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS July ~ August, 2024**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm the Gospel of Mark, BYOLunch

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

#### **Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

#### **Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Holy Communion @ 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](mailto:chrissy@umcwayne.org)



### **RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION**

We will begin collection for the Rummage Sale, **July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup> 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**. Church office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10-3 and we can help you carry in your donations.

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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 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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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