



Living in Wonder and Trust
Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, Infinite One, you are present in all things.

All: **Your truth shines in all of Creation**

Leader: We awake to your presence.

All: **We open our eyes to your glory.**

Leader: We open our hearts to your Word.

All: **Alleluia! God of love, we worship you, that we may be your praise.
Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN

Give Me Jesus

please see insert

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we desire wisdom. Therefore, we open our hearts to you in words and silence, in music and prayer, that we may hear your Word, that we may be shaped by your voice, that we may live your truth in all things. Speak to us, for we are listening. Amen.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16 Good News Translation

I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given. As the scripture says,

“When he went up to the very heights,
he took many captives with him;
he gave gifts to people.”

Now, what does “he went up” mean? It means that first he came down to the lowest depths of the earth. So the one who came down is the same one who went up, above and beyond the heavens, to fill the whole universe with his presence. It was he who “gave gifts to people”; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

MESSAGE

A Framework for Growth

ANTHEM

Deep as It is Wide

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

God of love, we lift up all in us that is loving, and give you thanks.

We lift up all that is not loving, and ask your forgiveness.

By your grace in Christ, perfect your love in us.

Offer prayers of confession in silence....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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**

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. 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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After we proclaim the Great Thanksgiving, you will be invited by our ushers to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors,
believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.
So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.
Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.
Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

COMMUNION SETTING *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

How Beautiful

Rachel Fikslin & Cathy Nalesnik

*** CLOSING HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

**Thank you to all who have been providing items for coffee hour. If you
remember to sign on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, that would be
wonderful! Thank you again!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS August 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 5th ~ August 11th

Monday August 5th

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

Tuesday August 6th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday August 7th

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Bible Study @ 12pm the Gospel of Mark, BYOLunch

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday August 9th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday August 11th

Worship @ 10am



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**. Church office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10-3 and we can help you carry in your donations.

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!

Silent Auction Reminder

Some help is needed in putting together a couple of specific baskets for the Silent Auction. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex that lists the items that are needed. If you have ideas for other baskets or services, please see Lyn or call her at 973-715-3173.

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).

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