



A Season of Creation 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024

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PRELUDE

Where Were You

Parish Drive

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of life, we praise you! *All:* **God of all Creation, we are in wonder!** Mother of all people, Father of the poor, all humanity is your praise.

In the Spirit of Christ, who calls us, we honor you.

In the name of all who love you, we thank you.

In the company of all who all who long for life, we worship you.

Your Christ calls us to life, calls us to compassion, calls us to follow.

Alleluia! Rise in us, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens UMH #150

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place, among these people. Connect our temporary praise to Your timeless rhythms, Your ageless melodies, Your everlasting joyful noise.

Guide us now to focus upon You, knowing that in You, our distractions become new possibilities for action.

Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are.

In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we come to you in humble honesty. Who can detect their errors? Clear us from hidden faults. Forgive the sins we know and those we don't. Transform our desires, so that in all we do our thoughts and words and actions may be pleasing to you. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19 Good News Translation How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done!

Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth. God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race. It starts at one end of the sky and goes across to the other. Nothing can hide from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect; it gives new strength. The commands of the Lord are trustworthy, giving wisdom to those who lack it. The laws of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy. The commands of the Lord are just and give understanding to the mind. Reverence for the Lord is good; it will continue forever. The judgments of the Lord are just; they are always fair. They are more desirable than the finest gold; they are sweeter than the purest honey. They give knowledge to me, your servant; I am rewarded for obeying them. None of us can see our own errors; deliver me, Lord, from hidden faults! Keep me safe, also, from willful sins; don't let them rule over me. Then I shall be perfect and free from the evil of sin. May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, my refuge and my redeemer!

MESSAGE Meditation on Psalm 19 and A Walk in Nature by Kaydence Larsen

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.

SONG

The Rising

Parish Drive

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

O great and holy God, we sing hymns; we offer prayers; we stand in awe of your creation; we are humbled by your love. When we come to you, we are often asking something from you. You have given to us even when we did not ask. Now, in these moments, we are not asking for anything but offering our appreciation for all your mercies. We offer our money. We offer ourselves. We pray that both these gifts and our lives will honor you in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

CLOSING HYMN

God Of Wonders

Lord of all creation Of water earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy, The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy, Lord of heaven and earth X2

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy, The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy, Lord of heaven and earth X2

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) X3 You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy, Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father, hold me, hold me The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy, holy, holy,

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy, Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father, hold me, hold me Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) X4

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

Sunday School and Book Club resume TODAY!!!

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

Thank you for financially supporting our ministry. We offer many ways to give:

In the sanctuary or by mail. Online at <u>www.umcwayne.org</u> <u>https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcwgiving</u> Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223 QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS September, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 16th – September 22nd Monday September 16th AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday September 17th Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday September 18th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground Bible Study @ 12pm Fierce, BYOLunch Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday September 20th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday September 22nd

Worship @ 10am Council Meeting after Worship

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Conference Sunday October 6th in Fellowship Hall at 11:45am

Silent Auction Update

We are planning to have the Silent Auction with either a sit-down casual dinner or Mocktail party. We will try to keep the cost between \$25- \$50 per person. We would like to have this event in early to mid-November.

What we would like to know is:

Are you interested? Would you come? Would you invite your friends? Here are the options. Please pick one, two or all three of the following:

1)Friday night at the church in Room 82)Saturday night at the church in Room 83)Sunday after church in Room 8

Please respond to Janine at your earliest convenience at <u>janinecanonico122@gmail.com</u> if you would come and which option(s) work best for you no later than SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Thank you, Janine, Lyn & Pat

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

Our Rummage and Bake Sale is swiftly approaching! Dates are September 27 from 6-8pm, and September 28 from 9am-3pm. We are so excited for this event and are still in need of volunteers to help! *Please see the back table in the sanctuary or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to lend a hand!* We will also have BBQ items and Chili!



Book Club will resume **TODAY**, the 3rd Sunday of the month, after our church service. (subject to change for holidays). All are welcome to join us for a meaningful discussion and fellowship. We will be providing light refreshments for coffee hour on the Sundays we meet. *Find our Book List on the table in the back of the church.*



In honor of Emerson's first heavenly birthday, we are collecting NEW stuffies in our angel Emerson's honor to give to children who just had an angel baby brother or sister, and to give to children who are victims of a fire. These children need a cuddly friend and we hope to help as many families as possible. Thank you for helping in our mission.

Love, Laci (mom), Anthony (Dad), and Jason (Big Brother)



Psalm 96:1

"Sing a new song unto the Lord, all you people of the earth, sing to the Lord." Choir will be singing at select services this fall and winter. We invite you to join in the fun!

All are welcome sing, be it on a regular, or occasional basis. Most of the rehearsals will be short sessions before the Sunday service. We aim to rehearse from 9:30-9:45, but on occasion, 9:15 to 9:45. Hope you can be a part of our worship in joyous song!

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

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