

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



*A Season of Creation*  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 29, 2024**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Creator God,

**All: you are enough.**

*Leader:* Loving Christ,

**All: we need no other.**

*Leader:* Breath of Life,

**All: you satisfy us. We rest in you.**

**We worship you with praise and gratitude. Alleluia!**

### OPENING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*UMH #139*

### OPENING PRAYER

**God, you welcome the child within us, the tender, the unsure, the still small voice. You welcome the child among us, the vulnerable, the overlooked, the silent. By your grace, help us to attend to your children around us, and to honor the child within us, in the spirit of Christ, who welcomes us as his own children. Amen.**

## THE BASKET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader:* God of mercy, trusting in your grace, we confess our sin to you and to another.

**All: You come among us in the small and vulnerable, but we have turned away from them for more important things. Your Spirit speaks within us, a tender child, but we ignore you for louder voices. You ask us to be as a child, small, receiving, and vulnerable; but we have sought dominance and strength. Forgive our sin, heal our fear, and make us once again the trusting children of God.**

*Silent prayer*

Children of God, hear the good news that we know in Christ: that your sins are forgiven entirely, and you are set free to live by the Holy Spirit as a child of God, now and always, in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 9:33-41 Common English Bible

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all."

Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. Whoever isn't against us is for us. I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded."

**MESSAGE** *Creating a World Where Children Can Flourish*

**HYMN** *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word* *UMH #596*

**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

*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

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks***

### CLOSING HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

UMH #519

### BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

### POSTLUDE

### **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS September ~ October 2024**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 30<sup>th</sup> ~ October 6th**

#### **Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday October 1st**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm

#### **Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

#### **Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

20 minutes of Meditation @ 6:30 in the Sanctuary

Bible Study @ 7pm

#### **Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

#### **Sunday October 6th**

Worship with Holy Communion and Blessing of the Pets @ 10am

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Church Conference Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 11:45am  
Lunch Provided!**

**SHINE A LIGHT EVENT TODAY!**

**JOIN US FOR AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE!  
TODAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29  
2 PM - 5 PM AT THE TURKISH CULTURAL CENTER  
7 DOIG RD, WAYNE, NJ 07470**

We will be having Laity Sunday on October 27th, 2024.

For Laity Sunday, we are asking for participation in the service, prayer, lay reading, sermon, children's sermon, music, and any other offered assistance. Please email Nicole in the office to volunteer, [office@umcwayne.org](mailto:office@umcwayne.org)

Thanks to ALL for a successful Rummage and Bake Sale 2024!! This is a huge undertaking and requires many hands to make it all work. At UMC Wayne, we are so thankful to all those who gave of their time, items, baked goods, monetary donations and more!  
We are so very blessed!



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

Today's liturgy is adapted from Thom A. Shuman and Steve Garnaas-Holmes  
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