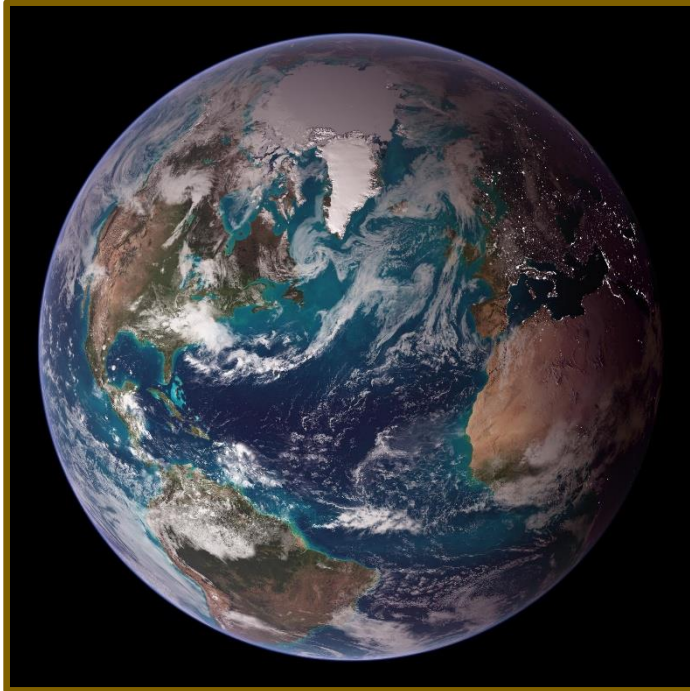


The United Methodist Church in
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26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, how you love us!

All: Alleluia! We praise you.

Leader: Loving Christ, how you forgive us and heal us!

All: Alleluia! We thank you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, how you fill us with love for God and our neighbor!

All: Alleluia! God of Love, we worship you.

OPENING HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, you who create us in love and call us to love: we earnestly desire to love you with our whole hearts, our whole souls, our whole minds, and all our strength. Help us to love you and to love our neighbor, not by our own will but by your grace, your infinite love in us. We pray in the name of our Teacher, our Beloved, Jesus. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in this world we are taught to acquire possessions, to seek certain character traits, and to accomplish certain things. But they are not love. We turn to you, to forgive our failure to love perfectly, to purify us of all that is not love, and to fan the flames of your love in us for you and for the world, that we may be perfect vessels of your love, by the grace of Christ, in the power of your Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the grace we know in Christ Jesus, God forgives us entirely, redeems us and sets us free to live by the power of the Spirit of love, in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104. 1, 24-35. – A paraphrase

O God, I bless you!

May my soul be my blessing and thanks,
for you are infinitely good;
 you are the perfect heart of all things.
Your working unfolds richly with grace
 and layers upon layers of your poetry.
Earth abounds with your presence—
 all these living things, your creatures!
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 teeming with innumerable beings,
 small and great in the hidden waters.
Beneath our confident ships,
 deeper than our understanding,
swims a great secret creature whom you made,
 at home in the depths.
Your creatures live in faith,
 looking to you for their sustenance
 from moment to moment.
So simple, the way of life!:
 you provide, and they gather.
You open your hand
 and fill them with good things.
When you withhold their breath,
 they are once again only dust.
You give of your Spirit,
 and create them anew with each breath.
In each breath of every creature
 you make a new Creation altogether.
This glory is eternal!
 God, may it give you joy,
you whose mere look trembles the earth,
 whose simple touch ignites mountains!
Let this awe fill me as long as I live.
 Let this song be the breath of my being.
May my mindfulness delight you
 as much as you delight me.
Let all that is sinful in me be consumed;
 let all my evil be no more,
so that all of me is a blessing to you,
 so that I may be your Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

MESSAGE

Extravagant Generosity and Loving Kindness

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

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**

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, You love us more than we love ourselves. You believe in us more that we believe in ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ, and be more than we ever thought possible.

Take our gifts.

Receive our thanks.

Accept our praise:

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

CLOSING SONG

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH #89

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 for financially supporting our ministry.

We offer many ways to give:

In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcgiving>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS November, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 18 - 24

Monday November 18th

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

Tuesday November 19th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm Everywhere is Jerusalem

Wednesday November 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm BYO Lunch "Painting the Stars" Religion and Science

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Thursday November 21st

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Bible Study @ 7pm Justice or Just Us

Friday November 22nd

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday November 24th

Worship @ 10am



SAVE THE DATE, Interfaith

THANKSGIVING SERVICE 11/26 @7PM

Shomrei Torah WCC, 30 Hinchman Ave, Wayne, NJ

OR shomreitorahwcc.org/livestream



Make sure to stop and check out the SILENT AUCTION continuing through 11/24!!

Tables are set up in the Narthex on Sundays!

All 30 items will be out on display this Sunday 11/17!!



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Make sure to fill out the envelope and attached form for your **Christmas Poinsettia!** Envelopes and forms are located in the church on the back table.

Please return all envelopes to the plate or to the church office.

Orders must be in by 12/9/24!!



First Friday Event

REMINDER: The group will go to Painting with a Twist on December 6th from 11-1pm. Sign-up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board or see Susan Whitty with questions, sueandtiger@verizon.net

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CHRISTIAN
Meditation

Join us on Thursday evenings @ 6:30pm for 20 minutes, in our Sanctuary, as we study and practice different forms of Christian meditation.

Meditation also known as contemplation is the practice of deepening our relationship with God.

10minutes of meditation increases our ability to focus, reduces stress and anxiety, helps us to control our emotions, and inspires creativity.



All Creatures

great and small...

*Join us on Sunday mornings @10am
for a 3 week sermon series!*

*We will be focusing on how even little
things can make a big impact!*

*Please take a **pledge card** today after service. We ask you to prayerfully
consider how you can be a steward for this campaign.
Thank you and God Bless you!*

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