

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Claude Monet's Garden in Giverny

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT *Notre Père (Our Father)* by Maurice Duruflé sung by Lyn Sentkowski

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God. I seek you. My soul thirsts for you.

All: **My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land without water.**

Leader: So, I gaze at your glory, your presence in every moment.

All: Your steadfast love is better than life. This is what I hunger for.

My soul feasts on you as on a rich banquet, a divine dessert.

Leader: I meditate on you all day, and in the dark hours of night.

I will bless you as long as I live.

All: Your strong hand upholds me.

My soul clings to you, and my lips will praise you.

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

Because your steadfast love is better than life

I will sing for joy.

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

OPENING PRAYER

God of steadfast love, Imagination of the ages:

you offer to all that world where all thirst is quenched, all the hungry are fed, all strangers become family.

Jesus, friend of the poor, Brainstormer of the kingdom:

you dare to envision that world where we do not waste a single person, but offer hope to those in despair, bring light into every shadow, embrace the lonely and broken.

Spirit of discernment, Artist of our lives;

you inspire us not to toss aside any of the gifts of God, but to offer peace to angry hearts, to share joy with mourners, to welcome those whose ways are not ours.

God in Community, Holy in One, continue to nurture us with steadfast grace, Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you alone are our life.

**But we have not rooted ourselves in you,
and so our souls are hungry; our lives dry and thirsty.**

We confess our hunger, and we return to you.

Forgive us, feed us, and grant us life in the flowing stream of your grace.

Silent reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: In every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness.

All: We will bless God in every moment, rejoicing with the One who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-9 NRSVUE

Hear, everyone who thirsts;

 come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

 without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

 and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

 listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

 my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

 a leader and commander for the peoples.

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

 for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

MESSAGE *What Truly Nourishes Your Soul?*

HYMN *Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast* *UMH #339*

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your pow'r and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Doxology
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Having been blessed by you, Loving God, we will not waste our gifts but offer them back to you, so the parched throats might be soothed by your grace, the hungry feed on your bounty, and the stranger welcomed as family who have been away for too long. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.*

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZP6G/home>

or use the QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 24th – 30th

Monday March 24th

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

Tuesday March 25th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday March 26th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday March 27th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in French Chapel

Draw Close @7:15pm on ZOOM

Friday March 28th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday March 30th

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal @ 11:15am



Easter Flowers 2025

On Easter Sunday, we decorate our church for Easter with beautiful flowers. You can participate by making a special donation of \$12 for Easter Flowers.

Please find an order envelope and order form in your bulletin. Extras are located in the back of the Sanctuary. **Complete the info and return with your payment to the plate or church office by 4/7/25.**

SAVE THE DATE!

The United Methodist Women in Faith's Spring Celebration will be held here at the UMC in Wayne on April 6th from 3pm – 5pm.

All are welcome to attend this event to learn more about the UMWF. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up tables and provide coffee, tea, juice, and water. Please see Pastor Ninabeth for more information. Please let Nicole in the office know if you can help.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!!

The UMCW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office beginning in April and must be returned by May 15th. ****Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne**** Any questions contact Nancy Kinch (973) 694-2603 or nkinch@aol.com.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday.

Lenten Soup Sale



Our annual soup sale during Lent begins on **Sunday, March 9 and will continue until April 13. Sign-up sheets for soup makers are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Containers are provided.**

As in the past, there will be delicious varieties of soups to purchase each week at a bargain price of \$5 per pint. All are welcome to support the sale by preparing or purchasing these savory soups! Questions? See Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski



During the 45 days of Lent which starts March 5th, UMC in Wayne will be collecting food for WIN. We did this several years ago and we delivered about 150 bags of food to WIN.

The challenge is to beat our old record!

Get your friends and family involved to help our friends in Wayne.

We will have a list of acceptable food items.

Hate to shop? All monetary donations are accepted! See Anita or Liz with questions.



New Community Garden

Spring is on the way!!!

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We will call it

“The Garden of Eatin’”

If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com

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