



*Soichi Watanabe: The Bamboo-Emptiness-Flexibility-and-The Holy Spirit*

**Father's Day**  
**Sunday June 15, 2025**

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**PRELUDE**

*Run to the Father*

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*Good Good Father*

*Parish Drive*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

**All: Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.**

Leader: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

**All: Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.**

Leader: When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

**All: Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!**

Leader: For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!

**All: Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*This Is My Father's World*

*UMH #144*

**OPENING PRAYER**

In your time, Creator God this world was put in place and in your time became beautiful through the craftsmanship of your love. Remind us always as we look at a sunrise, a landscape, or a tiny child to look beyond the artist's brush or the created thing to the Artist and Creator.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UM WOMEN in WAYNE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP**

**THE BASKET**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved let us join in prayer to the One who does not disappoint us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of infinite mercy, when we neglect the humbleness of knowing our place in this world, forgive us.**

**When we trade your peace and calls for unity for conflict and violence, forgive us.**

**When we forsake our good character to join those who scoff at your ways,**

**forgive us.**

**When we ignore your truth and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us. Forgive us and heal us, Lord, that we may abide in your grace and your love forever. Amen.**

*(please offer your prayers in silence)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God fills our souls with grace and wisdom. It is from this grace that we have hope. It is from this wisdom that we know God's love. It is from the living God that we find life and forgiveness.

## **SCRIPTURE** Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## **MESSAGE**

### **ANTHEM**

*Through My Father's Eyes*

*Parish Drive*

## **PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

**Loving God, on this day we pray for all fathers.**

**For fathers who have been wise and kind, we thank you;  
may they know your delight in their faithfulness.**

**For those who struggle to be good fathers, we ask your Spirit;  
may they draw upon your love to be good fathers.**

**For those who have failed as fathers, we ask your grace;  
may the children they have hurt be healed.**

**We pray for all who are fathers, that they may love their children with gentle strength, faithful presence, and calm, patient wisdom.**

**May all fathers imitate your love, by which you have made us one family, each of us cherished, fed, and protected.**

**We pray in the spirit of Christ, our brother. Amen.**

## **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**

*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 Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play—a world full of your wisdom and majesty; we offer praise with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with your bounty. As we return a portion of your blessing to us, use these offerings and tokens of our devotion: to increase wisdom in the world, to protect the created order, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick, and to comfort the afflicted. Amen.**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.*

\* CLOSING HYMN

*Faith of Our Fathers*

UMH #710

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Parish Drive*

***Please join us for conversation and snacks after Worship in fellowship hall!!***

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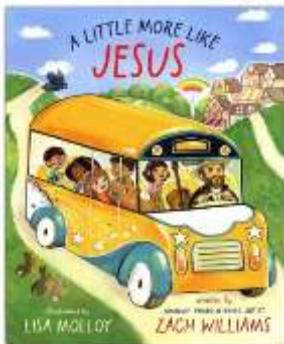
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## UMC WAYNE Sunday School

### Matthew 19:14

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



***June 22 and 29, 2025***

Come and join us on a “PRAYFUL” walk around the church. We will read the book **A Little More Like Jesus** By Zach Williams, then discover the wonderful things God has made for us as we explore nature that surround our church.

***Watch for our Nature Art Sale this fall to support our Sunday School***

Come sing and hear a joyful, multicultural community choir in concert celebrating LGBTQIA+ inclusion, social justice, and God's love.



# COME SING or COME LISTEN

## SING WITH US

Open to **ALL** ages and backgrounds.  
No audition required.

**Rehearsal:** Saturday, June 21, 10 am  
St Mark's UMC, 51 Elm St, Montclair

**Sign up:** [themarkmtc.org/sing](http://themarkmtc.org/sing)



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**Directed by Renowned Musician & Composer Mark Miller**

Come Sing or Come Listen is a joyful, multicultural choral celebration uplifting God's beloved LGBTQIA+ community through music. Directed by renowned musician and composer Mark Miller, this inclusive event invites people of all ages and backgrounds to either sing in the choir—no audition required—or attend as audience members. The concert will take place at St. Mark's UMC in Montclair, NJ, with a rehearsal the day before. It promises an inspiring evening of music, love, and radical hospitality.

## **UPDATE ON THE SOCKS FOR SENIORS**

At Annual Conference 2025 GNJ & EPA together collected more than 12,000 pairs of socks! We collected so many socks that Jim Lynch, Director of Sales & Entertainment for Wildwood Convention Center, decided to send some home with the team from GNTV to bless their neighbors in Georgia.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS June 2025**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Giggle & Grow Graduation in the Sanctuary

#### **Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7pm on FaceBook

#### **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Worship @10am

#### **Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Administrative Council Meeting @ 7:00 in Fellowship Hall

### **GNJ Youth Takes Over Six Flags**

We're heading to Six Flags Great Adventure on Wednesday, August 27, and your student is invited to join us for a day packed with fun, thrills, and time with friends from across GNJ! All youth groups are welcome.

We'll meet at the front gate at 10:00 AM and spend the day enjoying rides and attractions together. Please register so that we can coordinate and meet up there with churches across GNJ! <https://www.ignitenj.org/sixflags>

Parents or churches are responsible for purchasing tickets in advance at [sixflags.com/greatadventure](https://sixflags.com/greatadventure).

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