

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



*Peter Bruegel the Elder, Peasant Wedding. 1567*

**Sunday August 31, 2025**  
**Holy Communion**

**UMC in Wayne**

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*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*~Matthew 5:16*

## **PRELUDE WELCOME**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Generous God, we praise you!

**All: Humble Christ, we greet you!**

Leader: We are poor, and you have invited us to your feast.

**All: We are unable to repay you, and you have brought us to your table.**

Leader: We are beneath you, and yet you humbly serve us,  
and lavish upon us great gifts.

**All: Alleluia! We thank you for your mercies. Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*Gather Us In*

*TFWS #2236*

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of abundance, you make this life a wedding party, and invite us to your banquet of grace. We come now to celebrate your faithful love, to feast on your Word, and to be made new by your grace. We open the doors of our minds, that you may enter. We open the windows of our hearts, that your light may shine in. Amen.**

### **THE BASKET**

#### **SCRIPTURE** Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or

rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## MESSAGE

*The Picnic*

### PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.**

**Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.**

*Silence is kept*

#### Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or any thing do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

**All: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

#### OFFERTORY

*The Servant Song vs. 1 & 2*

*TFWS #2222*

#### Verse 1

Brother let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too

#### Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey  
We're together on this road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load

*Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)*  
*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**

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are offered opportunities to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship. This is why you pour out your blessings upon us, trusting that we will share from our abundance to bless others, even as we have been blessed. Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Seek Ye First*

*Aaron and Olivia Mercado*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* **CLOSING HYMN**

*Jesu Jesu*

*UMH #432*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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**Backpack Update:  
16 filled backpacks with supplies  
were donated to  
the United Way of Passaic County  
on August 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**Thank you for all who donated.**

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

Today's liturgy is adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes and Tom M. Schuman

Gather Us In. Author: Marty Haugen ONE LICENSE: 00031

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS September 2025

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12om in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

#### **Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Laity Sunday Worship @10am

***Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation from  
Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> until Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Brian Neville of Grace UMC in Wycoff will be covering pastoral  
emergencies. His phone number is: 201-891-4595 ext. 1***

### **The First Friday Fellowship group**

will meet on Friday, September 5 at noon in fellowship hall.

Our theme is "Show and Tell".

Please bring an old, new, borrowed, or blue item that is dear to you and be willing to tell us about it.

As always, BYO lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.

All are welcome to join our fun group!

# The Thirsty Table

Thirsty for a deeper understanding in your faith journey?  
Join us for a conversation among friends;  
asking questions, sharing faith stories and Godwinks!

What is a "Godwink?"

It's synchronicity, a moment of grace, a glimmer of hope,  
an answered prayer, a feeling of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

You will find us after worship in fellowship hall at the table with the Bibles.

## **Rummage Sale Dates: September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Set up for the sale September 23, 24, 25 from 6pm – 8pm  
and Friday September 26th from 9am – 5pm**

**\$5 Pre-sale is Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 6pm – 8pm**

**Regular Sale is Saturday 8:30am – 2pm**

**Bag Sale Saturday 2pm-3pm & Sunday 11:30am - 1:00pm**

**Move it out for FREE Sunday 1:15pm = 2:00pm**

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## LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

***Let us partner with the Heart and Hands mission, based in St Timothy's Lutheran Church on Valley Road in Wayne.***

Please explore their website at:

<https://www.heartnhandsmission.org>

We will tour their space and meet the volunteers on  
Monday, September 8.

***Please see Anita Dispenziere for more information.***

## Calling all Bakers!

We are in need of baked goods for our

**Bake Sale on September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

## We also need helpers to assist during the sale!

Please sign up for a slot to assist at the bake sale table on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.  
No special skills, other than your smile, are required. You get to sit, as well!

There are still slots available and the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex

Please see Lyn Sentkowski for more information.

## WIN – Wayne Interfaith Network Attention!

The food pantry is running low on many items. It seems that during the summer months, it is difficult to stock the shelves. This is just a little reminder that the WIN pantry is an ongoing 12-month mission project. One of the items that is most needed are CANNED PROTEIN items. Also, please check the expiration date on all items when contributing. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate weekly.

*Proverbs 22:9 "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor"*