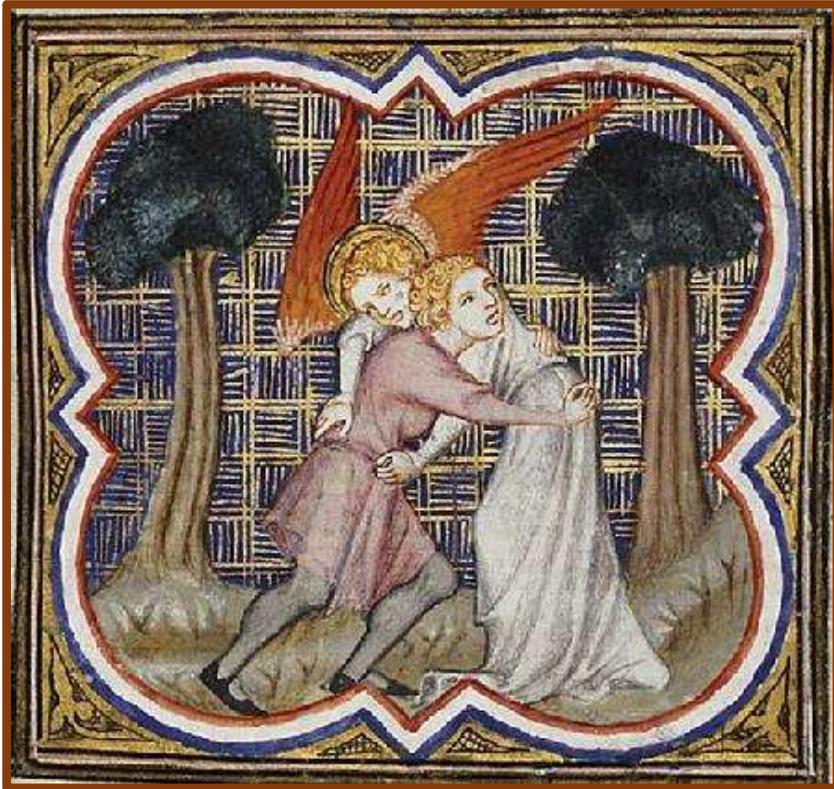


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*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*~Matthew 5:16*

**PRELUDE**

*I Shall Be Released*

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Creator God, we praise you!

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

Leader: The turning leaves remind us of your glory;

**All: they sing of the beauty of your love.**

Leader: Help us to turn to you, God,

**All: and so reveal our deepest beauty.**

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Trust and Obey*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we bring our many prayers to you, and cry out for you to hear us. But first, we will listen to you. As your Scripture is read and your good news proclaimed, help us to listen and to hear. Speak, Lord, for your children are listening. Amen.**

**THE BASKET**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: The grace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

**All: God of truth, you have spoken your Word to us and in us but we**

have not listened to you.  
We have not been mindful of your presence,  
or attentive to your voice.  
Forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Have mercy on us, heal us, and create us anew,  
that we might live by the power of your Word  
and in the light of your grace.  
We open our hearts to you, God. Come, and be present.

*In silence we open our hearts ...*

**WORDS OF GRACE** *(from Lamentations 3:22 – 23)*

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. Great is God's faithfulness!

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 18:1-8 from The Message

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

"He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice—otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.'"

Then the Master Jesus said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

**MESSAGE**

*Any Day Now, Any Day Now...*

**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 (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**

**Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Help us to listen for your voice, to hear your cry for justice, to discern your Word, and to humbly follow, for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

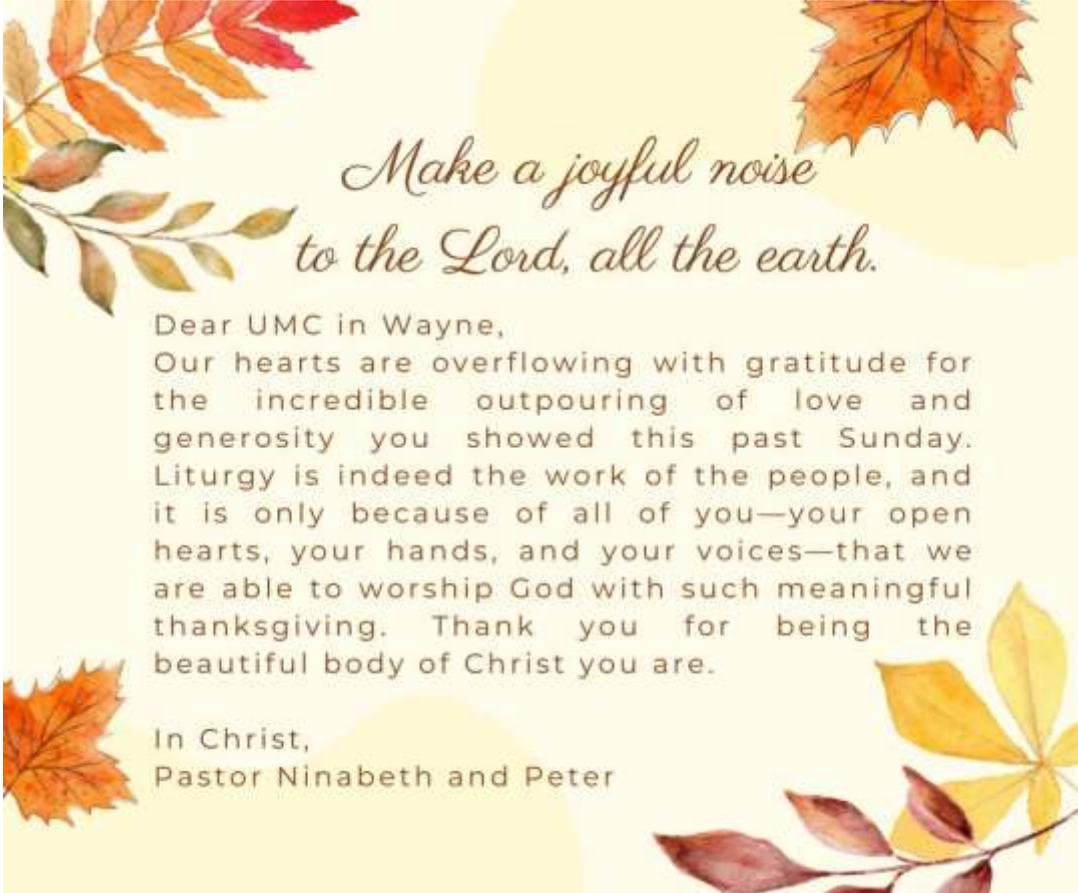
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Shall Be Released*

*Parish Drive*



*Make a joyful noise  
to the Lord, all the earth.*

Dear UMC in Wayne,  
Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the incredible outpouring of love and generosity you showed this past Sunday. Liturgy is indeed the work of the people, and it is only because of all of you—your open hearts, your hands, and your voices—that we are able to worship God with such meaningful thanksgiving. Thank you for being the beautiful body of Christ you are.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ninabeth and Peter

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

**Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bible Study BYO Lunch @12pm in Fellowship Hall

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

**Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

**Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Prayer and Devotion on FaceBook @ 7am

**Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am



**First Friday**

The First Friday fellowship group will meet  
on Friday November 7 at noon.  
Please BYO lunch and beverage.  
Dessert will be provided by Ginny Perazzone.  
We will be identifying famous people  
who have November birthdays  
by hearing interesting and obscure  
information about them.  
Come join the fun- all are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!  
Thursday October 30, 2025 @ 7pm  
is our Annual Church Conference!



### **ADOPT A SHOEBOX**

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Please pick up a shoebox that is filled with all of the directions you will need. **Return to the church the first week of November** so we can bring our donations to a Drop Off Center and bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season. Any questions can be directed to Linda Penin <mailto:lindapenin@aol.com>

## **UMC in Wayne Mission**

To welcome all in worship and fellowship, and to grow in faith, love, service, and grace, as we follow the example of Jesus

## **UMC in Wayne Vision**

Rooted in God's grace, guided by the teachings of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we form disciples of Christ by creating a safe & inclusive community to connect, share, grow in faith, serve, and learn with one another.

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