

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Paul Bonnard, Fenêtre ouverte sur la Seine (1912),

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Windows Into the Light
A Lenten Journey of Grace Upon Grace
The Gift of Clouds

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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

INTROIT

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Jubilation Ringers

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, your glory surrounds us.

All: Help us to see with eyes of gratitude and wonder.

Leader: Loving Christ, you come to us in the humble and needy.

All: Help us to see with eyes of compassion and mercy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you work among us with power and grace.

All: Help us to see with eyes of faith.

We worship you with praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

*HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

W&S #3177

OPENING PRAYER

God of light, we come to you in need of healing, for the eyes of our hearts are clouded. Embrace us in your love, touch us with your Word, and transform us by your Spirit. Make us whole, so that we might live new lives. Bless us in our worship, that we may become children of light. Amen.

THE BASKET

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned and that we are blind to our sin. We have failed to see our neighbors in need, and failed to hear your calling.

We have been blind to your grace, and have sat in prisons of darkness.

Forgive us, God, heal us, and set us free; fill our hearts with light, so that we may be light to the world, in the spirit of Christ, who is our light.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Once we were darkness, but in Christ we are light.

May we live as children of light.

SCRIPTURE John 9: 1-15. 18-21, 26-27, 34-37 Common English Bible

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth.

Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes.

Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*).

So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself."

They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"

He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?"

He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you."

MESSAGE

The Gift of Clouds

HYMN

Open My Eyes That I May See

UMH #454

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

O Day of Peace

UMH #729

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes
And prayers and dreams
Guide us to justice truth and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes
May swords of hate fall from our hands
Our hearts from envy find release
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb
Nor shall the fierce devour the small
As beasts and cattle calmly graze
A little child shall lead them all
Then enemies shall learn to love
All creatures find their true accord
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled
For all the earth shall know the Lord

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you have seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through this act of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in this community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

O For a Thousand Tongues

W&S #3001

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Olive Branch Book Club Meets After Worship Today!

Jubilation Ringers Practice after Worship in the Sanctuary

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CHURCH IN WAYNE

We cordially invite you to

*Maundy Thursday
Dinner & Devotion*

Festive Attire Suggested

April 2

At 6:15 PM

RSVP: office@UMCWayne.org
Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 16th – 22nd

Monday March 16th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday March 17th

Karate @ 5pm

Wednesday March 18th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm

Thursday March 19th

Karate @ 5pm

Sunday March 22nd

5th Sunday of Lent Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

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ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, March 30, 2026

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(please print information clearly)

“IN MEMORY OF _____.”

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Your name and the name of those you are honoring will appear in our Easter Bulletin

Name _____ Phone # _____

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