

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



Henri Matisse. Interior, Nice, 1919

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Windows Into the Light
A Lenten Journey of Grace Upon Grace
The Distant Shore

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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

Jesus Is Just Alright With Me

Parish Drive

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of life, light of life, breath of life,

All: breathe new life into us.

Leader: Christ of love, Christ of sorrow, Christ of hope,

All: breathe new life into us.

Leader: Wind of God, breath of God, spirit of God,

All: breathe new life into us.

Leader: We worship you, open to your grace.

All: Raise us to new life in your spirit. Amen.

*HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, Christ is the light of the World, and so we come to walk in his light. Christ is the resurrection and the life, and so we come to enter into his life. Christ raises us to new life, and so we come to surrender our lives to you, and be raised anew. Speak to us now, that we may hear the words of life. 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 *Based on Psalm 130*

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.

We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.

When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace.

When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs.

When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing.

Come to us, O God.

Forgive our doubts and fears.

Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: There is forgiveness and healing with God.

God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-3, 17, 20-29, 32-44

A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus.

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

MESSAGE

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ANTHEM

Sitting In Limbo

Parish Drive

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

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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**

Life-Giving Spirit, we come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. May these gifts be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 23rd – 29th

Monday March 23rd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday March 24th

Karate @ 5pm

Wednesday March 25th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm

Thursday March 26th

Karate @ 5pm

Sunday March 29th

Palm & Passion Sunday Worship @ 10am

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Holy Week

PALM & PASSION SUNDAY
Sunday March 29th @ 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & DEVOTION
Thursday April 2nd @ 6:15PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday April 3rd @ 12pm

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday April 5th @ 10am





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ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, March 30, 2026

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