

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



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PRELUDE

Goodness of God

Parish Drive

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100)**

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

All: He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good. His un failing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

***HYMN**

Easter Alleluia

W&S 3088

OPENING PRAYER

We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

THE BASKET

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who would restore us to wholeness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us when we lose our way. For we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

MESSAGE

Jesus the Gate

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

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*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**

Generous, life-giving God, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources.

May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

W&S #3192

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

*UMC in Wayne Administrative Council meets today after Worship
in the French Chapel*

Attention High School Graduating Seniors!

The UMW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office in April and must be returned by May 15th. Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne.

Any questions contact
Nancy Kinch (973) 694-2603 or nkinch@aol.com.

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The First Friday Fellowship group will meet at noon on May 1. We have the honor of hosting Kaileen Alston from Eva's Village in Paterson. Kaileen will inform us about the ministry that she is involved in with the clients of Eva's Village.

Please BYO lunch and beverage.

All are welcome to join us for lunch and learn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 27th – May 3rd

Monday April 27th

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

Tuesday April 28th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday April 29th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Garden of Eatin' Meeting @7pm

Thursday April 30th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday May 1st

First Friday Fellowship @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYOLunch

Sunday May 3rd

Worship with Holy Communion @10am

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

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Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf

Peter Candela – Music Director

Marilyn Creamer – Handbell Director

Digging Deeper into God's Word

Read [John 10:1-10](#).

Jesus as the Shepherd says that his sheep know his voice. He has a relationship with them; knows each of them by name.

Do you feel you know Jesus personally?

How do you discern the voice of God in the midst of so many competing ideologies, ideas, lies, half-truths, promises, and assurances?

What "voice" do you trust the most?

Jesus as the Gate said that whoever enters by him will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

What are you saved from? What are you saved for?

In our relationship with Jesus, we enter into a place of rest and belonging and go out to a place of nurture and empowerment.

To where do you "come in and go out"?

Where is the safety of the "sheepfold" or "pasture" for you?

How does respite there prepare you for going out?

What do you "go out" to do for the Good Shepherd?

Following Christ, the Gate & the Good Shepherd, is an exercise in abundant living. What does abundant living look like to you?

*Loving God of salvation and abundance,
we yearn for your clear voice above the din of dissension and chaos. Lead us
into the safety of your fold so that we may be empowered and equipped to go out
into the world to be your bold and faithful witnesses. Amen.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Mission u 2026 - July 17-19



United Women in Faith
invite you to
Mission u 2026 hosted
at Centenary University
in Hackettstown.

This year we will be exploring the theme
Experiencing Emmanuel:
How do we experience God in times of joy
and in challenging times of anxiety, fear, or
sadness?
Can we experience God's presence in
community as work for justice?