



Holy Communion
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters: here, the worriers and the wanderers can call on God by name.

All: Here in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is always with us!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

All: Here, in God's presence, we will find the courage to take up our cross and follow the One who gives us abundant life!

HYMN

Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart

UMH #160

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, Voice of Life, you call us to live a life that matters, a life that pours itself out, a life that gives to others without counting the cost. By your Spirit in us, open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear, and open our hearts to follow and obey. Amen.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-26 NRSVUE

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

MESSAGE: *Skip the Trip*

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* vs. 4-5 UMH #629

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

You call us to follow;

to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow.

Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view.

Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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**

God of Grace and Glory, we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith. Use these gifts so that we may see one another as you envision us – faithful followers. As we continue in this time of worship, we seek now the sanctuary of your comforting peace. In the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

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.

Communion Setting *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Where He Leads Me

UMH #338

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Next Sunday, September 10th
Blessing of the Backpacks and Laptops!
AND
Our Sunday School Ice Cream Social***

We hope you will join us to bless the new school year!

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

In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcgiving>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS September 3rd , 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 4 – September 10

Monday September 4th

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

Tuesday September 5th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Wednesday September 6th

Bible Study Breaking the Code, BYO Lunch 12pm in Fellowship Hall

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Grace Café 6:30pm BYO Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Thursday September 7th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Sunday September 10th

Worship with blessing of the backpacks and laptops @ 10am

Ice Cream Social after Worship in Fellowship Hall

**Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings
at 7am on Facebook.**

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.

You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

Fellowship Hour

Meet us for fellowship after each worship service on Sundays!

Come to share refreshments & conversation.

If you would like to bring finger foods such as cookies, cakes, fruit, veggies, chocolate, or individually bagged snacks; a sign -up sheet is located in the narthex.

We will also happily accept donations of Keurig coffee pods, tea pods or bags, and sweeteners.

Please see Liz Tible for any questions.

OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**will be held on Friday, September 15th from 6-8PM
(\$5 first-pick entrance fee)**

and on Saturday, September 16th from 9AM-3PM.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

We are currently collecting items,

if you have donations please bring to the French Chapel.

(Please see details of types of donations we will or won't accept on bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary.)

We are seeking volunteers for our Rummage Sale to help with sorting, pricing, cleaning up, etc. Opportunities to give of your time towards our biggest outreach event of the year will be Tuesday 9/12, Wednesday 9/13, Thursday 9/14 starting at 6:30pm, Friday 9/15, & Saturday 9/16 all day!

Sign-up sheet is on Bulletin Board outside of the Church's Office!

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

Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart. Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain

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