



Living in Wonder and Trust
Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Before the earth was formed,
we were chosen by God to be God's people.

**All: God gathers us together that we might
sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.**

Leader: Before the stars glittered in the night sky,
we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**All: Christ gathers us together that we might
proclaim the good news of your forgiving grace.**

Leader: Before the rivers flowed to the seas,
we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**All: The Spirit gathers us together that we might
dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.**

OPENING HYMN

God of Ages

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OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the midst of our lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. And in the midst of all this business, we have too often failed to see your love made real. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from the wonder of your grace and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of wonder and delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in these warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is merciful and pours God's love on us abundantly.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

MESSAGE

Stop and Wonder at this Grace

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

How Shall I Come Before the Lord

**How shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself with heart out poured?
And shall I come with offerings/
What shall I give? What shall I bring?**

**Will finest gifts bring God's delight?
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?
What must we be? What must we do?
What does the Lord require of you?**

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**

In this company of seekers, we find our inheritance – the deep richness of God's grace. With this company of seekers, we offer our gifts, so that others might be able to set their hopes on Christ, with whom we are all blessed by God. Amen.

Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving-kindness rule your day,
that, as this earthly path you trod,
you shall walk humbly with your God.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

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BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship
with food and conversation in fellowship hall***

***Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation
from Thursday July 18th through Saturday July 27th***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS July 14, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 15th ~ July 21st

Monday July 15th

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

Tuesday July 16th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday July 17th

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Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday July 19th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday July 21st

Worship @ 10am

VBS/STEAM CONVENTION



All ages welcome! Come explore science, technology, engineering and math concepts in additions to the arts and humanities. Saturdays: July 13th and 20th, August 10th and 17th.

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE



Please see the sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex to sign up to bring an item for Sunday Coffee Hour. The next available date in need is July 14th.

Please note that Liz will be away July 6th-July 20th.

Thank You!

RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION



We will begin collection for the Rummage Sale, **July 1st through September 21st 2024.**

We are accepting: clothing, household items, home decor, small appliances, jewelry, hats, scarves, pocket-books, toys, sporting goods, holiday decor, yarn, handheld tools antiques, Lenox, baby items, puzzles, games.

We are **NOT** collecting: Electronics, Furniture, Books (only Children's books allowed), Stuffed Animals. Thank you!

DONATIONS OF **CLOTHING** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **CHOIR ROOM** OR **CENTER TABLE** in the **CHAPEL/LOUNGE**. **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **FRENCH CHAPEL**.



SAVE THE DATE...DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

We are having our dinner and silent auction (and band) at The Village Inn in Wayne. The tables are round and seat 10, so tell your family and friends to save the date as well!

Lyn will need a few people to help with the silent auction. She will need, baskets, donations of services, monetary donations and more. What is most needed is willing and able hands to help!

Flyers and more information will be out in the next few weeks so stay tuned!

The **Grieves Memorial Garden** has been in existence for over 30 years, where the continual upkeep has been provided by the various committee members and volunteers throughout those years. Because of the continual growth and aging of the natural environment, along with the deer population, professional services are needed at this time. If anyone in Wayne could recommend a reputable landscaping company, please contact either Ginny Perazzone (973-632-9441) or Don Stone (973-879-5423).

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