

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



A Season of Creation
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, when God created, God looked at the world and called it good.

All: Not only way back when, but even now, God is creating, calling us to join the work of making the world good.

Leader: Earth and water and air, plants and animals and people, made from dirt and word and love.

All: God gifts us all this and more, so that we can glorify and enjoy God forever.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together.

OPENING HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH #147

THE BASKET

Blessing of the Animals

A PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Leader: God of love and beauty,
you have fashioned every creature with your hands.

All: You look upon every creature with your eyes.

Leader: You hold every creature in your heart.

All: So we pray for the creatures you have given us.

Leader: We give thanks for animals that give us companionship.

All: We give thanks for animals that help and serve.

Leader: We ask your blessing for animals we love.

All: We pray for good health and happy life for them.

Leader: May their presence comfort us,

All: their loyalty reassure us.

Leader: May the playfulness of puppies and the songs of birds
remind us always of your grace.

**All: May all their differences of fur and feather,
great and small, remind us that you love us all.**

Leader: In our care for them may we reflect your care for us.

All: God of all living, in all our different voices, with barks and yips and purrs and chirps, and with silence, too, we praise you, we ask your blessing, and we trust your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

MESSAGE

Dominion? What Does That Mean?

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESION

God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and God's mercy endures to all generations. When we confess our brokenness, God's grace offers us a glimpse of healing. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, let us confess with open and honest hearts our failure to live up to God's call. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you made us to live together with you. We confess that we are sorely tempted by the opportunity to be our own gods. We admit to you that we have tried shortcuts to wisdom—we think we know what is best, when really, we know just enough to do harm to your creation and your beloved people. Forgive us for acting so arrogantly out of our limited human perspective. Forgive our disobedience, and give us ears to hear your word, and hearts ready to obey your will. Amen.

Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the beginning, God breathed life into being, and every morning God's mercies are new. Know that you, child of God, made in God's image, are forgiven, loved and free. Believe and live the good news:

All: God's goodness is planted more deeply than all that is wrong. Thanks be to God!

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**

O Lord, you have filled the earth with good things and invited us to share freely in the blessings of life. By sharing our gifts with others, we proclaim your grace. May the offerings we present be a sign of the abundant life you intend for all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.
So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.
Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.
Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

COMMUNION SETTING *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

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.

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.

CLOSING SONG

Feed the Birds

Jubilation Ringers

Early each day to the steps of Saint Paul's
The little old bird woman comes
In her own special way to the people
She calls, "Come, buy my bags full of crumbs"
"Come feed the little birds, show them you care
And you'll be glad if you do
Their young ones are hungry, their nests are so bare
All it takes is tuppence from you"

"Feed the birds, tuppence a bag
Tuppence, tuppence, tuppence a bag
Feed the birds", that's what she cries
While overhead, her birds fill the skies

All around the cathedral, the saints and apostles
Look down as she sells her wares
Although you can't see it, you know they are smiling
Each time someone shows that he cares

Though her words are simple and few
"Listen, listen", she's calling to you
"Feed the birds, tuppence a bag
Tuppence, tuppence, tuppence a bag"

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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***

Our Church Conference begins TODAY at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall!

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

In the sanctuary or by mail.

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*What are human beings that you [Lord] are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.
Psalm 8:4, 6*

God makes us caretakers over God's creation and holds us accountable for our stewardship. We have a duty to treat the created world with love and respect and use its resources responsibly.

How do you think we're doing? As steward-disciples, how can we do better?



Hurricane Helene Relief

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Rummage Sale Thanks!

Special thanks to all who made the 2024 Rummage Sale a great success!
We are proud to report that the church raised approximately \$4800 from this event!
Thanks again to all who had a part in this sale from donating, to organizing, setting up, taking down, baking for the bake sale and much more! We appreciate YOU!

Pastor Ninabeth Will be leaving for vacation on Friday October 11th after our Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion and returning to the UMC in Wayne on Tuesday October 22nd

ANNOUNCEMENTS September ~ October 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 7th ~ October 13th

Monday October 7th

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

Tuesday October 8th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday October 9th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday October 11th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday October 13th

Worship @10am

****SAVE THE DATE!**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH

Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Laity Sunday!!

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