



Mosaic, Dominus Flavet Church, Mount of Olives,

Sunday March 16, 2025

UMC in Wayne

99 Parish Drive Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Email: Office@umcwayne.org Phone: (973) 694-3260

Website: www.umcwayne.org Watch on Facebook: UMC.Wayne

Join us on Zoom: [Meeting ID: 823 9591 4126 Passcode: 092827](https://umcwayne.org/join)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of love, this world is deeply broken and in need of your grace.

All: We cry out to you.

Leader: Loving Christ, we are often lost and lonely, and we need your gentle companionship.

All: We cry out to you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, the struggle for healing and justice is long and hard. We need your help.

All: We cry out to you. We open our hearts to you. We worship you.

HYMN *Your Love, O God (to the tune of Finlandia - UMH #437)* *UMH #120*

OPENING PRAYER

God of the unmoved, move our spirits. Whether out of trauma or pride, some of us have left our emotions in our past or have turned against them altogether. We feel safer in our stoicism, protected from looking the fool, from the risk of doubling the pain by recognizing it. Remind us of the beauty and necessity in our tears. Bring into focus our child selves that wailed without shame. Remind us that our need is not a nuisance. We've grown calloused from the overwhelming helplessness of mass information. Call us back into wholeness and nuance that honor the dignity of the world with mourning. Soften our hearts to tragedy, even our own. Bring us into proximity with the wisely vulnerable, that they may teach us courage. And give us aids in our anguish, to journey with us in and out of sorrow. Grant us ears to hear our own grief, and to welcome it into our body as a friend once lost, found again. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, we confess that we have forgotten what it means to feel fully. We have deemed sadness a lesser emotion, wielding it against women who are attuned to their pain and the pain of the world in a way we all should be. We have not cared well for little boys whose weeping is mocked and dismissed, training men toward an emotional constriction that poisons us all. We have exalted toxic positivity over complicated emotions, often rushing toward quick solutions and trite words of consolation instead of pausing to truly let suffering speak. We have been threatened by the tears of another more than we have tried to behold them, centering our own inability to be present in pain.

Forgive us, God. Have mercy on all who dare to weep, who listen and heed the cries of the world. Forgive those who have forgotten how to lament, and grant that our souls might be moved at last, protected from despair on the journey. Amen.

Silent reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let your soul receive this rest: May the God of many sorrows behold your tears before rushing to wipe them away. May God protect your grief from those who have everything to gain from its erasure. And may God have mercy on you and cradle you as you dare to cry out for comfort in your own time. Amen/

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

MESSAGE

Lament!

SONG

Hallelujah

Cathy Nalesnik

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you; I want to see you.*

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your pow'r and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Doxology
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the

love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
I want to see you, I want to see you.*

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

UMH #378

BENEDICTION

The Irish Blessing

Jubilation Ringers

POSTLUDE

*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/umcwgiving>

Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223

QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS March 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 17th – 23rd

Monday March 17th

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

Tuesday March 18th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday March 19th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday March 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in French Chapel

Draw Close @7:15pm on ZOOM

Friday March 21st

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday March 23rd

Worship @ 10am

Jubilation Ringers @ 11:15am



Easter Flowers 2025

On Easter Sunday, we decorate our church for Easter with beautiful flowers. You can participate by making a special donation of \$12 for Easter Flowers.

Please find an order envelope and order form in your bulletin. Extras are located in the back of the Sanctuary. **Complete the info and return with your payment to the plate or church office by 4/7/25.**



New Community Garden

Spring is on the way!!!

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We would like to call it

"The Garden of Eatin' "

If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com



During the 45 days of Lent which starts March 5th, UMC in Wayne will be collecting food for WIN. We did this several years ago and we delivered about 150 bags of food to WIN.

The challenge is to beat our old record!

Get your friends and family involved to help our friends in Wayne.

We will have a list of acceptable food items.

Hate to shop? All monetary donations are accepted!

See Anita or Liz if you have any questions!



Saturday and Sunday! New Jersey Choral Society Presents...

Sun, Moon & Stars

A collection of hits from the 60s and 70s

Performances are at St Joseph's Regional High School
Montvale, NJ

-Saturday, March 15th 2025 7:30pm

-Sunday March 16th 2025 3:00pm

Tickets available at www.njcs.org
or contact Lyn Sentkowski



Lenten Soup Sale

Our annual soup sale during Lent begins on **Sunday, March 9 and will continue until April 13. Sign-up sheets for soup makers are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Containers are provided.**

As in the past, there will be delicious varieties of soups to purchase each week at a bargain price of \$5 per pint. All are welcome to support the sale by preparing or purchasing these savory soups! Questions? See Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski

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

Opening prayer and Prayer of confession is written by Cole Arthur Riley in Black Liturgies.

Your Love, O God. Anders Frostenson, Fred Kaan CCLI Song #1536905 © 1974 Hope Publishing Company

Amazing Grace. CCLI Song # 4755360 John Newton © Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain

CCLI License # 3179963, CCLI Streaming License # 20349948

UMC Wayne Ministers

All the members of UMC in Wayne

Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf

Email: PastorNinabeth@umcwayne.org Cell: 908-391-2561

Don Matthews – Lay Leader

Peter Candela – Music Director

email: peter@umcwayne.org

Marilyn Creamer – Handbell Director

Nicole Force – Admin. Assistant Email: office@umcwayne.org