

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of generosity, you provide for us abundantly.

All: We open our hearts to your presence.

Leader: Loving Christ, you grant us deep, deep mercy.

All: We open our hearts to your healing.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you fill us with compassion and grace.

All: We open our hearts to your power.

By your grace, make us grateful and merciful people. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, your come to us in many ways. Open our hearts to hear and receive. Open our minds to wonder and grow. Open our souls to embrace and be changed. Speak your Word to us, and make us whole. Amen.

THE BASKET

CALL TO CONFESSION

The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.

We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even You— more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal.

As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(please offer your prayers in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;
in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

All: Forgiven, loved, sent forth— we are not far from God's Kingdom!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 Good News Translation

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?"

The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."

But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'" And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?"

The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

MESSAGE

Who Are Your Unsung Heroes?

HYMN

Whatever You Do

W & S #3128

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

How Shall I Come Before the Lord

W & S #3124

We invite you to stand when we sing the third verse.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. You have blessed us in ways we have not expected, not even seen. Now send us out as your unnoticed angels to bless others, even our enemies, in the name and Spirit of Christ, for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH #402

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS July 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 14th – July 20th

Monday July 14th

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

Tuesday July 15th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday July 16th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday July 17th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday July 18th

Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday July 20th

Worship @10am

The Annual Choir Festival in Ocean Grove is on Saturday, July 19 at 7 PM.

This spirit filled gathering is held in the historic Great Auditorium and it features a choir of several hundred singers, a brass ensemble, and a magnificent organ. There are prayers and congregational singing also.

For more information, see Cathy Nalesnik or Anita Dispenziere (We are singing in it!). Come enjoy a day "down the shore" and end your evening with wonderful musical worship and praise!



JOIN US FOR AN UMC IN WAYNE FAMILY PICNIC

Pack a picnic basket and join us at
the Lincoln Park Community Beach.

Any questions please ask
Lyn Sentkowski at (973) 715-3173

A Blessing For Care-Givers and Care-Recipients by Kate Bowler

Sometimes bodies or minds come undone
and you are carried by a caregiver (often literally).
Whether you wanted this or not,
you have been given the great gift of a Witness Bearer
(or Med Tracker or Insurance Battler or More-Ice-Chips-Please Fetcher).

But other times,
you haven't found a partner.
Or you never married. Or they left.
Or your person died.
Or you feel like a burden to ask for the help you need.

Bless you, you who are so worth caring for.
You are worth having your needs met.
You are worth shuttling to all of those appointments
and having someone to complain to about another day
of the same unresolved problem.

Your pain does not disqualify you from love.

And to the care-givers who continue to put another's needs before your own.
Bless you.

We know this isn't what you had imagined for your life either.
That sometimes you are so tired or lonely or burned out.
But you serve and support and show up, anyway.

You are worth having your needs met too.
But you often don't. Because this is what the day requires.
This is what love requires.

Bless you all. All you care-givers and care-recipients.
You who do the hard work of love and hope-making.
May you receive the love you so freely give others
and then a little extra (because too much love is never enough).

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our next gathering will be on August 1 at noon at

Anita Dispenziere's home

942 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne

A Sign-up sheet for food and beverages is posted
on the bulletin board in the narthex.

All are welcome to join our time of fellowship.

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

Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication is written by Steve Garness-Holmes. Prayer of Confession is written by Tom Shuman.

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It is time to go through your closets, climb the attic stairs, and/or go down into the basement for your gently used items.

Our Rummage Sale Collection has begun!

Shoes, Boots, Men's, Women's, and Children's Clothing without stains can be dropped off in in the "crib nursery" at the back of the sanctuary. *We would appreciate the clothing to be hung up,* for your convenience we provide hangers and racks.

Housewares, toys, hats, gloves, scarves, jewelry, pocketbooks, backpacks, sunglasses, lamps, picture frames, framed artwork, games, small working appliances, decorations, antiques, bicycles, and sporting goods can be placed in the "French Chapel" across from Fellowship Hall and next to the office.

Bake Sale information is forthcoming...

Save these Dates:

Set up for the sale September 23, 24, 25 from 6pm - 8pm

Friday September 26th from 9am - 5pm

\$5 Pre-sale is Friday September 26th 6pm - 8pm

Regular Sale is Saturday September 27th 8:30am - 3pm