

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



The Way of Life by Jonathan Clarke

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

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*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

2 Peter 3:18

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader: Christ, you have walked with us in our joy and in our sorrow though we have not always recognized your presence.

**All: We give thanks, and worship in awe and wonder, in gratitude and joy.**

Leader: Living Christ, give us eyes to see you.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

### **\*HYMN**

*The Strife is O'er the Battle Done*

*UMH #306*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, on all our journeys, paths of joy and sadness, ways of knowing and not knowing, you walk with us, and open to us the truth.**

**Open our eyes to see you.**

**Open the ears of our hearts to hear you, singing to us your love. Amen.**

## **THE BASKET**

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: When we confess our lives, we are calling on God who promises, not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope. Join me, as we pray together saying,

### **UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance.**

**We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us.**

**Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others.**

**Forgive us, Dear One.**

**Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world.**

**Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace.**

**Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died.**

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news never ceases to astound us!

**All: This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE** Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women

had said, but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **MESSAGE**

*A Long Intimate Walk*

## **HYMN**

*He Lives*

*UMH #310*

## **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**

*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**

May the gifts we offer be used to open doors closed to strangers, hands shut tight against generous giving, and hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

*Christ Is Alive*

*UMH # 318*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2026

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

2026 Skylands District Conference at Denville Community Church 2 -4pm

#### **Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship @10am

## **Attention High School Graduating Seniors!**

**The UMW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office in April and must be returned by May 15th. Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne.**

**Any questions contact**

**Nancy Kinch (973) 694-2603 or [nkinch@aol.com](mailto:nkinch@aol.com).**

***The Food pantry (WIN) is in need of the following items:***

*Peanut butter (small jars are best)*

*Jelly*

*Coffee*

*Black beans and pinto beans*

*Spaghetti Sauce*

*Canned chili*

*Canned stew*

*We are grateful for any canned goods and cereals that you donate, but we are just short on the items above.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*The Mission Team*

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## Mission u 2026 - July 17-19



United Women in Faith  
invite you to  
Mission u 2026 hosted  
at Centenary University  
in Hackettstown.

This year we will be exploring the theme  
Experiencing Emmanuel:  
How do we experience God in times of joy  
and in challenging times of anxiety, fear, or  
sadness?  
Can we experience God's presence in  
community as work for justice?