



# “FACE TO FACE WITH BIAS”

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR B

September 8, 2024



Check In



## WELCOME

*Flowers on the altar are presented by the Votava Family in honor of Margaret's Father, Art Novak.*  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



## PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Victor Labenske



## +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able. Please share in the words in bold.*

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**We seek God’s wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Are you ready to follow when God’s wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**We will trust, and we will follow wherever God’s wisdom leads us.**

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**Come! Let us worship and seek God’s uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**



## +OPENING HYMN

*Come Thou Almighty King*

UMH 61



## OPENING PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities.**

**Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. A moment of silent reflection and prayer. Amen.**



## +GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

Pew Bible NT pg. 43

*Stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able. Please listen to your body.*

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



## +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94



## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES



## SERMON & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



## HYMN OF FAITH

*Change My Heart, O God*

TFWS 2152



## LITANY FOR RICH AND POOR

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Creator is Maker of them all.**

A good name is to be chosen over riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Holy One is Maker of them all.**

The rich rule over the poor and borrowers are slave to lenders.

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Sovereign is Maker of them all.**

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share bread with the poor.

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Creator is Maker of them all.**

Oppressing the poor in order to become rich; and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Holy One is Maker of them all.**

May you know that your trust should be in God—yes, your trust, in the God of heaven.

**The rich and poor have this in common: The Sovereign is Maker of them all.**

Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate.

**For God pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. The rich and poor have this in common: The Generous One is Maker of them all.**



## 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



## INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING

***Thank you for sharing your gifts!***

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: [wesleynaperville.org/giving](http://wesleynaperville.org/giving)

The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



## +CLOSING HYMN

*Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

UMH 601



## +BENEDICTION



## POSTLUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Victor Labenske

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER: Lectio Divina - reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation. Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in person and via Zoom). To sign up contact the church office or [Pastor Megan](#).

OCTOBER: For the first three weeks of October, an original Bible Study by our Minister of Family & Justice will be offered.

### GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or [barbaraburke123@att.net](mailto:barbaraburke123@att.net) for information on contributing to the Endowment Fund.

### CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL HAS BEGUN!

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

All voices are welcome.

Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) [info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org)

### STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

### LITURGIST OPPORTUNITIES

To be a liturgist, please sign up in the Atrium or contact the office at [info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org) or 630-355-1834.

### COFFEE HOUR

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or [infowesley@naperville.org](mailto:infowesley@naperville.org)

### CENTER STREET TABLE

Dinner dialogues hosted at Community UMC on Sundays @ 5pm. A community meal. All are invited. All can serve. There are various volunteer opportunities.

### HELPING ONE ANOTHER

The bins on the Lower Level (B) are available for donations and use of whomever may have need of these items that comes to our door.

- Deodorant—MOST NEEDED
- Menstrual Hygiene Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred)
- Soap
- Socks
- Toothbrushes—MOST NEEDED
- Toothpaste
- Wash Cloths (New or Gently Used but WASHED and ready for use)





# DAYCARE ENROLLMENT

## AGES 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
Full days: 9am-2pm  
Half days: 9-11:30 or 11:30-2

**SUMMER PROGRAM**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
Full days: 9am-1pm

**630-355-1758**

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

**Sundays** Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)  
2nd - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.  
After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**  
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).  
A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.

### Worship Resources

Cover Image: Hochhalter, Cara B.. Even the Dogs, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-image.pl?RC=59290> [retrieved September 6, 2024]. Original source: Cara B. Hochhalter. *UM Discipleship Ministries*: <https://www.umdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/uncommon-wisdom/sixteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/sixteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources>, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, *The Faith We Sing*, *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, *Worship&Song*, Scripture: NRSV and NRSVUE, CVLI #505421815 CCLI #11444135

### IN PERSON HOURS **CHURCH OFFICE**

(630) 355-1834

**Emily Torres, Administrative Assistant**

Sun 9am –1pm

M, T CLOSED

W, TH, F 8:30am—3:30pm

**Tiara Martin, ext. 110**

*Building Events Manager*

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### **WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT**

**Nicole Wilhelm Allison Riordan**

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**Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus**

**Nicole Melody, Director of Music**

**Svetlana Mars, Accompanist**

## *Keeping In Touch*



Our weekly e-news helps us stay connected. We can also send it in the regular post per your request. Scan the QR code to subscribe or visit wesleynaperville.org and click on "Subscribe. You can also contact the church office.



**God, as known to us  
in Christ Jesus  
welcomes ALL people.  
So do we.**

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