




WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

WORSHIP
THROUGH
MISSION!

DECEMBER 29, 2024
10 AM
WE ARE MAKING...

BACKPACK + LUGGAGE TAGS

FOR FOSTER
CHILDREN & YOUTH

SPECIAL
OFFERING FOR:



United
Voices
for Children

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 WELCOME

 PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

God has come to make a home among us!

Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

In the ordinary and mundane,

God has come to make a home among us.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

 +OPENING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH 327

 SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 89:1-8,14 and Philippians 2:5-11

 PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Loving God
may we be found
and may we find
a place called home,
a place where faith holds us
and grace renews us
where forgiveness longs for us
to be who you will us to be
may we find a place called home
where we are accepted as we are
where we are taken in
and loved unconditionally
a place called home
where we belong
and our souls fit
and our questions are allowed
and our anger is heard
and our needs are recognised
and our pain is held
and our names are known

and may this
be that place, O God,
this community
this group of travellers and doubters
and companions on the way
this home
where your place
is our place
and place isn't a building
but a way of being together
in relationship
held together
by love
Loving God
Homecoming God
may we make this a home
to all who still yet seek
a place of grace-filled sanctuary
and gracious welcome
So be it
Amen

 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

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

SPECIAL OFFERING: United Voices for Children

 +HYMN

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

 SENDING to MISSION MUSIC

Following the music, we will gather in Fellowship Hall (Lower Level) for today's mission project:

Backpack and Luggage Tags for foster children and youth.

There is something for everyone to do!