"BEYOND THE NOISE"

Proper 27
November 8, 2026

WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

WELCOME

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PRELUDE

His Eye is on the Sparrow — Arr. M. Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather in the midst of festivals and revelry,
May we center ourselves in peace.

We come together to realign ourselves with your message,
Delighting in the simple joy of communal compassion and holy living.

Allow our worship to be guided by our love for you,
And our actions to be guided by our love for one another.

Let the confines of rites and rituals give way to a flood of righteousness,
And let justice roll down!

+OPENING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service — UMH 581

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:18-24

The Word of God, For the People of God! **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God has come to us and revealed Himself fully to us.
Yet too often we hide ourselves from His love and salvation.

Instead of worshipping you through our lives,
We elevate worship to a performance, highlighting ourselves rather than you.

Instead of focusing on aligning ourselves towards your commandments,
We focus on advertising our own doctrine to others.

Instead of trusting you to provide,
We focus on gaining security for ourselves.

We are willing to accept the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ for our sin,
But we are not willing to show the same mercy towards others.

All-encompassing Lord, guide us to live not just by what we think looks right or holy but let our hearts be fully centered on you and on caring for your people in unbridled justice, service, and compassion. **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.

PREPARATION HYMN	*What Does The Lord Require?*	UMH 441
SERMON	BEYOND THE NOISE	Rev. Alexander Dungan
+CLOSING HYMN	*God of Freedom, God of Justice*	Insert
+BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*	Arr. M. Hayes

Preparing the Disciples
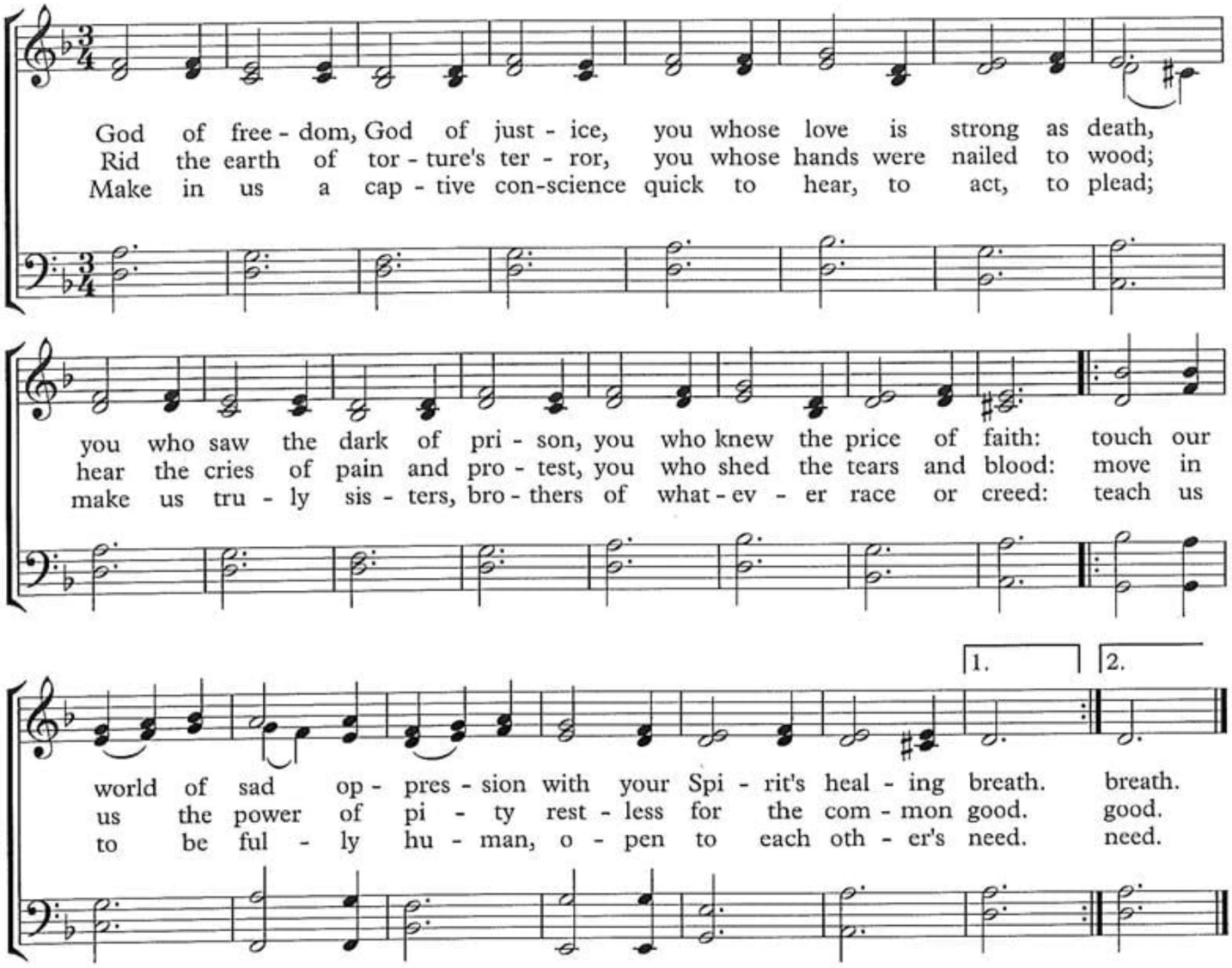
A Bible study through Mark 8-10 as Christ guides us into the next chapter of our faith journey. We will meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at 1pm, November 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Advent on Stage

Join us for a musical sermon series as we begin a new church year with song!

God of Freedom, God of Justice

With Vigor ♩= 144



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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 - 4th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

After Worship In-Person: **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays). Talk to Pastor Alexander for more info.

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 our finance chair, Ron Sellberg, at rpsellberg@aol.com for more information.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

We are working on updating them.We will let you know when they are available.If you have any changes you would like made, contact the office or Lynn T 630-957-7612.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

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. Help our earth!

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 wesleynaperville@gmail.com

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, Menstrual Hygiene Products, Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred), Soap, Socks, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths.

LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

The needs in our community outpace supply. You are welcome to drop off items to the donation baskets.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To subscribe to our weekly e-news scan the QR code, or contact Pastor Alexander. If you would like KIT mailed to your door every two to three weeks, please let Pastor Alexander know.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY…

11-20-25) For Fay Wilson as she recovers from surgery.

(1-20-26) For protection for the immigrant community as they experience heartbreaking levels of violence.

(8-23-26) For Chelsea Guanzon as they enter into a new school year and face additional complications with their knee. May they continue to heal.

(9-6-26) For Rev. Duane Mevis as he recovers from medical testing. Prayers and cards are much appreciated.

If you have a prayer concern, email us at wesleynaperville@gmail.com, contact the church office, or Pastor Alexander.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY Waterfall, by Peter Thaddeus, from Thaddeus Art. https://www.thaddeusart.com/store/p23/Waterfall.html [retrieved November 4, 2026]., *The United Methodist Book of Worship. The United Methodist Hymnal.* New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. " Images by Alexander Grey and Unchalee Srirugsar via Pexels. Discipleship Ministries Worship Planner, https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning.

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

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About Wesley UMC

Founded in 1832

Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to nurture spiritual growth throughout life, and to serve God by caring for all people.

Welcome Statement

God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. So do we. All people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, economic status, or life situation are welcome here. Wesley is also proud to be a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which is "Mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love." www.rmnetwork.org

We Believe In:

Proclaiming God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Nurturing spiritual growth throughout life.
Serving God by caring for all people.

We try to live into the challenge of John Wesley, who said:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as ever you can."

Wesley has entered into a discernment process highlighted in Paragraph 213 of *The Book of Discipline.* This process allows us to partner with members of the community and the conference to evaluate Wesley's needs and passions to better serve the community. We invite everyone to ask questions and lend their voice to the ongoing discussion as we seek to further peace and justice in our world. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Alexander with any questions!

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