



"GRACE BEYOND FAIRNESS"

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Arr. M. Hayes



WELCOME



PRELUDE

I'd Rather Have Jesus



+CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness,
and is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!
We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond
our imagination, yet God hears our cries for help!
We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our God is worthy to be honoured
by every generation, and by people of every age!
We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.



+OPENING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

UMH 79



INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



OFFERING PRAYER

Steadfast God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, you hold us, and in every struggle, you knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of your kin-dom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims your grace. Amen.



+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able
The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Matthew 20:1-16



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan



UPDATE FROM SPRC



JOYS AND CONCERNS



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God,
like the Israelites in the wilderness,
we too have known Your love,
and experienced Your care and provision.
You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—
to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.
And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many who do not have enough:
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;
enough medicine or medical care.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who have more than enough,
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities
to dull their pain or loneliness.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



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

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130 v.1-3



SERMON

GRACE BEYOND FAIRNESS

Pastor Eunbae Doh



+CLOSING HYMN

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

UMH 365 v.1,2, and 4



+SENDING FORTH

Go out from here
as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.
Amen.



POSTLUDE

Nearer, my God, to Thee

Arr. B. Erdstrom

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The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 65th Birthday of Lisa McIntosh Rosol and her retirement from the Covenant Clinic in Detroit. Congratulations Lisa!

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

10:00 AM (Hybrid):

2nd - 4th Sundays:

After Worship In-Person

6:45 PM

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.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Lend your voice at our weekly choir rehearsals at 6:30pm on Wednesdays when we return in September!

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 info@wesleynaperville.org

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 prayers@wesleynaperville.org,
contact the church office,
Pastor Doh, or Pastor Alexander.*

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY JESUS MAFA. The Late-arriving Workers, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57561> [retrieved September 16, 2026]. Wolcott, Marion Post, 1910-1990. Day Laborers Brought in by Truck from Nearby Towns, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/58897> [retrieved September 16, 2026]. United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, *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.



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 Alexander know.



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

On 5th Sundays we Worship Through Mission by doing some hands-on act of service that helps children and youth. We also have a special collection for United Voices for Children. If you have an idea for a Worship Through Mission opportunity, please reach out to Alexander or Pastor Doh. Next: Aug. 30.

DISABILITY EDUCATION SUMMIT

Saturday, September 26th from 9am-4pm

Location: Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Ave, Aurora, IL, 60504

Cost: \$10 for participants, Free for volunteers!

Hosted by Pastor Alexander and the Northern Illinois Conference Committee on Accessibility. Reach out to Pastor Alexander to register or sign up as a volunteer!

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Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*

**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

What 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 Doh or Alexander with any questions!

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