



"FACING CONFLICT"

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Arr. T. McKibben



WELCOME



PRELUDE

Surrender



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.



+OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

UMH 131



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

Reconciling God, you mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy, and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. As you taught your church to seek peace with one another, teach us to live in our "church clothes" every day—clothed in patience, truth, and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.



+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able

Matthew 18:15-20

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan



JOYS AND CONCERNS



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light. We confess the times when we have failed, giving in to our darker thoughts and desires; and acting in ways that did not bring honour to Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, teach us how to live as children of the light.

You call us to love one another, to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own; to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You. We confess the times when we have failed, allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, teach us how to love as we have been loved.

You call us to deal honorably with one another, even those who have hurt or offended us; to work through our disagreements with love and integrity, and so to build up the Body of Christ. We confess the times when we have failed, finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships, or to talk behind people's backs rather than to their faces.

Lord, in your mercy, teach us how to live with love and integrity.

Give us hunger to know You more, so that we may do Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive. Sealed gluten-free wafers are available, and all cups are non-alcoholic.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray in whatever language is on our hearts:



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.



HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Bind Us Together

TFWS 2226



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



SERMON

FACING CONFLICT

Pastor Eunbae Doh



+CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

TFWS 2223



+SENDING FORTH

Family of God, the lessons of reconciliation and peacemaking are not easy. As you move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the desire to restore community when it is broken, to hold boundaries with firmness and grace, to listen with curiosity, and to speak with gentleness, that all may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



POSTLUDE

Revive Us Again

Arr. D. Archer

The flowers on the altar are donated by the Trygstad in celebration of family birthdays and anniversaries.

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.

(9-1-26) For Rev. Duane Mevis as he undergoes some tests at Edwards Hospital. 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 Olusola David, Ayibiowu. Wisdom, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57583> [retrieved September 1, 2026]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Artist_Olusola_David_Ayibiowu_Title_WISDOM.jpg. 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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**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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