



"WISDOM OF FOOLS"

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026



Arr. M. Hayes



WELCOME



PRELUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from various versions of The Serenity Prayer

God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can,

And the wisdom to know the difference.

God, grant us the patience to work amidst unjust systems I cannot yet change, the courage to enact progress when we know we can,

And the wisdom to know that, despite structural oppression, I can still make a difference.

God, grant us the serenity to accept the imperfect mistake we make, the courage to forgive ourselves as we try our best,

And the wisdom to know that you love us as we are and are already guiding us as we go.



+OPENING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191



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

God of service and compassion, may the gifts we give today go towards the healing of the kingdom. In all that we have and all that we gain, may we use what you have bestowed upon us to help others. Grant us the wisdom to see the need in the world and pursue not our own riches but the richness of community. As we thank you for all the prayers that you have answered, allow us to answer the prayers of others, serving as a conduit for your grace given to us to flow unto others. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

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

Lord, in a world that values productivity and gain,
 Where success is measured by income and capital,
 Allow us to see our hard work as a path towards connection with others,
 And not merely view connections to others as a networking path for our work.

May our foolishness guide us to compassion. May our wisdom guide us to action.

In a country where strength is seen as power
 And violence is seen as strength,
 Allow us to be weak, to toss aside the notion that we cannot lose,
 And instead pursue a world where hatred and death cannot win.

May our foolishness guide us to compassion. May our wisdom guide us to action.

In the midst of necessity where many are forced to grow up too fast,
 Where compassion and hope are seen as naïveté,
 Allow us to be child-like, to insist upon that which experience deems unrealistic,
 And allow the childish logic of love to guide our actions instead.

May our foolishness guide us to compassion. May our wisdom guide us to action. 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

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593



SERMON

WISDOM OF FOOLS

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+CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585



+SENDING FORTH

The Franciscan Benediction



POSTLUDE

Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious

Arr. C. Berry

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The flowers on the altar are donated in honor of the 4th wedding anniversary of Lisa McIntosh and Ken Rosol. Congratulations Ken and Lisa!

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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

Worship in-person or online wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary–Level 1)

Sunday School immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

Fellowship in the Atrium (Coffee and Nibbles–Level A)

Foxhall AA (Enter through Franklin Street Entrance–Fellowship Hall)



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...

(6-14-25) For continued courage to fulfill our baptismal vows to *accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.*

(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.

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

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,
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welcomes ALL people.
So do we.**

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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.

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

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"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!



Blessing of the Animals!

Sunday, August 30th

All furry, feathery, scaly, two-legged, four-legged, six-legged, and more-legged friends welcome!

If you have any concerns, reach out to Pastor Alexander for how to best accommodate your pets!