

We pray for mercy, O Lord, for having squandered our opportunities for bringing your rule on earth. And we pray, not only for the release of our neighbors from the influence of our example, but for our own transformation.

Help us, Lord, to live into the fullness of your love each day, both as community in Christ and as individuals. Help us to turn our gifts into the foundation of a better world for which we pray. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Response (puzzle pieces)

* **Hymn:** *We Are Called*, FWS 2172

* **Sending Out with Blessing**

Postlude: *Rigaudon*

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James has given us many guidelines for life: count it all joy. all good gifts come from above, be a doer as well as a hearer, show no partiality, watch our mouths, God is the source of our wisdom, warning against becoming worldly, and finally the promise that the prayers of a righteous man avails much. Prayer is essential in discerning how to live all James lays out for us. How is your prayer life? What changes do you feel you need to make?

***Thank you for worshiping with us today at
Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church!***

We are glad you are here and hope you find this to be a great place to encounter God and be part of our community. As a church, we offer ministries to everyone, and the pastors would be very happy to talk with you about baptism and church membership.

If you are a visitor, we have a packet for you and would like to learn your name and contact information so we can stay in touch. On Sundays, we offer free, professional childcare for newborns through age 4 starts at 8:15 until the end of the third service, usually around 12:30. Just ask a friendly greeter or usher to know more, or to learn about Sunday School classes.

Phones and tablets are fine to use, just please set them on silent. Wi-Fi is available throughout much of our building. Financial giving helps us make a difference in the world, and you can do this when the plates are passed or electronically using this QR Code. Please be sure to visit our website, wmumc.org, or check out our facebook page to keep up with how we are following Jesus and making a difference.
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Welcome To *Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church*



Laity Sunday

October 26, 2014
11:15am

Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship for October 26, 2014

11:15 am

Gathering Together for Worship

Centering Music: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fallersleben arr. by Valey & Berry
Jubilate Ringers

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Invocation – “*We Come as We Are*” by Ted Loder

Lay Person: God of fierce holiness, yet tender mercy, we come to add our voices to the chorus of praise raised to you from mountains and seas, from deserts to prairies, cities to towns to farms, to the voice of the turtle dove heard in our land, to wind and rain and stirring earth, to blossom and green, scented lilac and singing peeper, to lover and beloved, hider and seeker, loser and finder, prophet and dreamer, and to all the life of this fertile planet.

Gathered People: We come as we are – troubled and weary, grateful and grumpy, nervy and scared, partially whole, still broken, mostly closed, hopefully open, grateful for your promise, that you accept us, caring for our cares, rejoicing in our joys, enlivening in our breathing, forgiving in our confessing, forbearing in our singing, hearkening in our praying, and speaking even in our scurrying words.

Lay Person: In this hour, and at least some of the hours to come, mute the distractions that clamor for our attention, until, by the tugging of your Spirit, we are led to the water of life that you are, and we feel and admit the burn of thirst, dare the humility to drink, and exercise the wisdom to center on you, and on the things that make for peace within us and among us and throughout the earth.

Gathered People: Move among us, stir in our midst, reside in the between of us, to renew our faith in you, in each other, and in ourselves, as well as your church, in truer proportion; to inflame into passion and action, our love of you, our neighbor, and our flawed yet precious selves, that we may be more free and frolicky in the living of our lives; to lighten the burdens we cling to of pride, of anger, of prejudice, rigidity, and fear

All: that we may be more bold and imaginative in our service of justice and your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: Gather Us in, FWS2236

How Are We Changing Lives?

Giving to God for Ministry

Offertory: *The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord*
(words on page 6 of Warwick Weekly)

Sager & Foster arr. by Fettke
Chancel Choir

* **Doxology:** UMH 95

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Anthem: *Our Beautiful Earth*
The Light of your Love

German Folk song
Schram
Cherub Choir

Children's Moment

As the children return to their seats, all are invited to join in singing: **“This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**
(FWS 2233)

* *The Lord's Prayer*, FWS 2278

Scripture Reading: James 5:7-20

Sermon:

Living it. Loving It. Sharing It: It's about our connections- Patience, Prayer and Community”

Prayer of Confession (lay person)

Lay Person: O God, you have created us to depend on one another. If we do not work together, we will tear the world apart. You have made us debtors to those who have gone before us; if we do not learn from them, we will cripple the world for those who will come after us. You have bestowed on us gifts to make us one. If we do not share them, we will not reach the better world toward which you would lead us. We praise you for entrusting us with so great a responsibility.

If only our faith were as great as your trust! But our record, at best, has been spotted. Instead of depending on others to work for the good, we have simply neglected them. Instead of learning from the experience of previous generations, we have repeated their mistakes. Instead of sharing your gifts according to need, we have simply hoarded them. Instead of pursuing the healing you desire for us, we have participated in brokenness.

All: For this betrayal of you, we ask for forgiveness, O God. Not only have we betrayed you as a people, we have betrayed you as individuals.