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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Danny Gastelua, Madison Milhous & Diane Puchta, Liturgists

GATHERING

O Love, How Deep

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You who are far away, come home.

God waits for us longingly.

You who are near, come close.

God welcomes us graciously.

You who are beloved, be reconciled to God.

We are ambassadors for Christ.

We will worship and rejoice and live in love.

*HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

UMH #182

*INVOCATION (Unison)

For sunshine and rain, for hope of spring's arrival, for freedom and grace, for families and stubborn love, for the possibility of forgiveness and new life, for your invitation to build a new world of love, we thank you and give you praise. In Christ's name. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you offer us life drenched with goodness and grace, but we turn away to dusty paths of greed and harsh judgment. Forgive us, O God. Let your Spirit refresh our hearts, that peace and joy and justice may grow there again, and our lives overflow with your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We come to you, Lord, ready to meet you. Open our ears again this morning that we may listen for your voice, hear your Word, and follow again in the way that you would lead us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Exodus 17:1-7	
SCRIPTURE	Romans 5:1-11	
ANTHEM	<i>The Carpenter</i> , J. M. Martin	The Chancel Choir
*GOSPEL READING	John 4:5-42	
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
*HYMN	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	W&S #3093
SERMON	<i>Gushing Grace</i>	
CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i> , Ringwald	The Chancel Choir
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	From Romans 8:35, 37-39	UMH #887
SERVICE OF PRAYER		
PRAYER HYMN	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	UMH #526
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
SILENT PRAYER		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Covenant Prayer</i>	W&S #3115
	The Chancel Choir with the Congregation	
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		
Our gift, our hearts, our lives are yours, O God. Consecrate them and use them as instruments of your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.		
*HYMN	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>	W&S #3101
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Love Lifted Me</i> , refrain only	W&S #3101

Our worship has ended; our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There is a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with church information and a guest book if you'd like to share your name and address.

Please join us for Coffee Hour downstairs after worship.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless provides food and other household needs to anyone in need across Long Island. We support them with our donations. A basket is in the back of the sanctuary, or you can access their wish list on Amazon. They are especially in need of shelf-stable protein, e.g., peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans, etc. [For your convenience, donations may be made directly through their

[Amazon Wishlist - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAF0ANM1&language=en-US],

or you are welcome to bring items to the church.] If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God's love through your generosity and compassion.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2026

8th Danny Gastelua
15th Larry Bing
22nd Karen Gierie Newman
29th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

8th Lois & Kimberly S
15th Kathy V & Amanda
22nd Rita & John
29th UWF

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Confirmation Class – Sunday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the library.
- Vision Outreach –Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- Ad Council – Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesday Bible Study meets at 10:30 am via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group meets at 7:30 pm via Zoom
- Saturday Men's Bible Study meets at 8:00 am-9:00 am Via Zoom

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please speak with her.

**Lent at
Farmingdale UMC**
Sunday, March 29 @ 9:30 am
Palm and Passion Sunday
Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 3 @ 7:00 pm
Good Friday
Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service @ 6:15 am
Easter Morning Worship 9:30 am

Book Study
Lenten Sundays at noon
Mission Project
Soles for Souls
Collecting good used or like-new shoes for others

Service is In-Person or on Zoom
ZOOM:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735

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