



***Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
Only Light can do that.***



***Hate cannot
drive out hate;
Only Love can do that.***

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Danny Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING

Some Children See Him, Burt

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE**

I Love You, Lord

FWS #2068

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord calls to us, "Follow me."

Our ears strain to hear, and we are then surprised.

What could we do for God?

The Lord calls to us, "Go and proclaim!"

God's word will change us, even as we worship and praise.

Let it be so. Amen.

***HYMN**

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH #568

***INVOCATION**

We are yours, O God. You created us in your image and you call us to walk in your ways. Fill us with wisdom and courage this morning, and throughout the week ahead, that we may be witnesses to your justice and love in our world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CHANGE THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O Lord, to hear you speak. Clear our minds of the clutter of worry and distraction that we might focus on your word, your call, and your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1-7

PSALTER READING Psalm 40:1-11

UMH #774

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

ANTHEM *Clap Your Hands*, Boertje

The Chancel Choir

***GOSPEL READING** John 1:29-42

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* FWS #2237

SERMON *A Shamash for the World* Rev. Catherine Schuyler

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE *Amen*, Ringwald The Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our Social Creed* insert

INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERSHIP

Introduction

Questions

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Will all of you, the members and friends of the Farmingdale United Methodist Church, support these people and their ministries with your prayers, your assistance, and your encouragement?

We will.

Let us pray.

***HYMN** *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #593

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SOLO

I Feel the Spirit Moving
Traditional, Mark Hayes, arr.

Charis Edwards, soprano

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We offer our gifts, O God, as we offer our hearts and our lives. Consecrate them by the power of your Spirit that they may be vessels of love to the world, in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN

If It Had Not Been for the Lord

FWS #2053

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Pass It On, v.3

UMH #572

*Our worship has ended; our service begins.
Please join us for coffee hour in the fellowship hall.*

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

January 2026

18th Danny

25th Karen Gierie Newman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 2026

18th Kathy V & Amanda

25th Rita & John

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We warmly welcome all guests and visitors and hope you feel comfortable to fully engage in this worship service. You are more than welcome to join us. If this is your first time with us, please visit the Visitor Center, located next to the Sanctuary, to pick up a welcome packet and receive a gift! If you'd like to leave your contact information or subscribe to our newsletter, simply scan the QR code in the bulletin or stop by the Visitor Center to sign the guest book.



Let us please silence all our devices to fully enjoy today's worship service. Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- SPR – Monday, January 19 at 7 p.m.
- Vision Meeting – Sunday, January 25 at 11 a.m. in the library
- Church Council – Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Worship Committee – January 27 at 7:00 p.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026

You may pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't see your envelopes or if you would like to get a set of offering envelopes, please let Shanna Wurth know.

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 come to the Altar after worship, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- 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

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

We share prayer requests as part of our regular service. Please raise your hand for the microphone to share your prayer concerns and joys with the congregation. If you have private prayer requests, please write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary and then pass it to the offering basket during the offertory time. Thank you!

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is seeking our support. Despite their name, the organization provides essential assistance—including food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies—to **anyone in need across Long Island**, not only individuals experiencing homelessness.

Their current greatest need is for shelf-stable protein items, including: Canned tuna and chicken, Pasta, Rice and beans, and Peanut butter. For your convenience, donations may be made directly through their **[Amazon Wishlist - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-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.

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS? **IF YOU DO, PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM.**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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