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GATHERING

Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire, Schulthes

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us be led by the Spirit,

Even if the path to the Promised Land leads straight through the desert,

Through hunger and doubt and temptation;

Even if we are led where we would rather not go.

Yet we will be led by the Spirit

And end our journey rejoicing in the Lord our God. Amen.

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH #269

*INVOCATION

Gracious and holy God, we are surrounded by temptation in our lives. You have promised us the presence and wisdom of your Spirit as we walk through the maze of this world. Send that Spirit among us today; guide us in our worship and praise, open our ears to hear your word, and lead us out into the world in peace and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are our sure defense, a very present help in trouble, and you call us to be strength for one another. But Lord, we often look in other directions for protection, letting fear take over our hearts and turning to actions that are not loving nor just. Forgive us, O God. Remind us of your steadfast love, and speak again to our penitent hearts your call to love and justice, that our lives may reflect that we belong to you. 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.

PSALTER Psalm 32 UMH #766

ANTHEM *Credo*, Marshall The Chancel Choir

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *The Summons* FWS #2130

SERMON *Deliberate Discernment* Rev. Catherine Schuyler

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE *Amen*, Ringwald The Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8:35, 37-39 UMH #887

SERVICE OF PRAYER

***PRAYER HYMN** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* FWS #2158

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SOLO *Ancient Words*, DeShazo Diane Puchta, alto

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***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** *Beams of Heaven as I Go* UMH #524

***BENEDICTION**

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/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.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2026

- 1st Sharon Lensky
- 8th Danny Gastelua
- 15th Larry Bing
- 22nd Karen Gierie Newman
- 29th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2026

22nd Rita & John

March 2026

- 1st Vicki & Annemarie
- 8th Lois & Kimberly S
- 15th Kathy V & Amanda
- 22nd Rita & John
- 29th UWF

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Confirmation Class – Today, Sunday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the library.
- Church Council – Monday, February 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 @ 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3
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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