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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

### GATHERING

*We Are God's People, Brahms*

### GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PRELUDE

*I'm So Glad*

FWS #2151

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, come. Come to hear God's word.

**Our ears are open; our hearts are longing for a word of hope.**

Disciples of Christ, come. Come to experience God's love.

**We are loved, blessed, and full of joy to be here.**

Followers of the Way, come. Come to be transformed by the Spirit.

**We lay our souls bare to be touched by the power of God here in this place. We will sing and praise and worship and rejoice.**

#### \*HYMN

*Blest Are They*

FWS #2155

#### \*INVOCATION

**Gather us in, O God – the poor in spirit, the meek, the weary, the hungry. Open your arms, O Love incarnate, and embrace us in our need, our emptiness, our frailty. Strengthen us, comfort us, fill us with power and love, and then send us forth in your name, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your ways. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### 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 READING

Micah 6:1-8, responsively

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1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#### ANTHEM

*By Our Love*, Scholtes/arr. Sewell

The Chancel Choir

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.****CHILDREN'S SERMON****\*HYMN OF PREPARATION***We Are Called*

FWS #2172

**SERMON**

Justice and Joy

Rev. Catherine Schuyler

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE***Amen*, Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from UC of Canada

UMH #883

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD****OFFERTORY SOLO***There Is a Balm*, Spiritual/ arr. Hayes

Diane Puchta, alto

**\*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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****PASTORAL PRAYER****INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and gracious Lord, you have called us to follow you, with assurance that you go with us on the way. We have instead gone astray. We have followed the ways of comfort and prestige and have forgotten our sisters and brothers who struggle along the path. We have insisted on our own way and have hurt those whom we love. Forgive us, Lord. Bring us again to your side, give us courage to follow your guidance even when the road is hard. Let your grace go before us, as we walk in the way that leads to life. In Christ's name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****\*PASSING OF THE PEACE****COMMUNION HYMN***For Everyone Born*

W&amp;S #3149 (different tune)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical response

FWS #2257 a-d

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### \*HYMN

*Are Ye Able?*

UMH #530

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Benediction Hymn*

FWS #3182

*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's a Visitor Center in the Room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



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](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:****February 2026**

8<sup>th</sup> Amanda Urban  
15<sup>th</sup> Diane Puchta  
22<sup>nd</sup> Faustina Gyedu

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:****February 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> Vicki & Annemarie  
8<sup>th</sup> Lois & Kimberly S  
15<sup>th</sup> Kathy V & Amanda  
22<sup>nd</sup> Rita & John

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Confirmation Class – Sundays, February 1 and 22 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the library.
- Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES**

- 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.

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