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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING

We Walk by Faith, Wilson

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising, Christ restored our life.

Christ will come again in glory.

As in baptism we have put on Christ

So in Christ may we be clothed in glory.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"

"Those who believe in me,

even though they die, yet shall they live."

And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Because he lives, we also shall live. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Abide With Me

UMH #700

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy God, you are with us in life and in death, a presence of love and power through all our days. Send your Spirit among us this morning; speak a word of grace to our hearts; speak a word of hope to our souls; speak a word of compassion to the whole of our lives, that we might reflect the fullness of your love to all whom we meet. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior of our souls, you have called us to follow you throughout our lives, but we go astray. We wander away from your path; we seek assurance from wisdom that is not of you; we trust our own map to the meaning of life. Forgive us, Lord. Redirect our lives. Guide us away from the confusion of the wilderness onto your road of love and grace. We pray in Christ's name. 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALTER

Psalm 130

UMH #848

RESPONSE



In my dis - tress I cry to the Lord: "De - liv - er me, O Lord."

***GOSPEL READING**

John 11:1-45

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Give Me Jesus

W&S #3140

SERMON

Compassion Is the Foundation

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen, Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From Romans 8:35, 37-39

UMH #887

PRAYER HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC

You Who Are Thirsty

FWS #2132

The Chancel Choir with Congregation

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Our gifts, 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**

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

***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.



Welcome to Alex Swerdlin, our guest pianist for this morning

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Ad Council – Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Procession with Palms

We're going to process along Grant St. with palms on Palm Sunday. We'll gather at the Nursery School entrance to the building and process along the sidewalk singing Hosanna and waving palms. We'll come through the front door of the church into the sanctuary for the rest of worship. If you'd prefer not to process, gather in the sanctuary as usual, and the rest of us will join you soon.

- Easter Breakfast, 7 am to 8:30 am

After the Sunrise Service, we'll eat together, with coffee, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, any time until 8:30. Let the pastor know if you can help with the breakfast.

BIBLE STUDIES AND PRAYER GROUPS

- 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

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.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2026

22nd Karen Gierie Newman

29th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 2026

22nd Rita & John

29th UWF

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. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God’s love through your generosity and compassion.

Through Lent, we are collecting new and almost new shoes for Soles for Souls. Donations are welcome; let Barbarba Flores know when you bring them. Anything else needs to be announced?

**Lent at
Farmingdale UMC**

Sunday, March 29, *9:30 am*
Palm and Passion Sunday

Thursday, April 2, *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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