



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

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David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING

A Charge to Keep I Have

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The light of the Lord shines into our lives.

Our eyes shine with awe at the presence of the Living God.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

**The light of Jesus shines brightly in our lives,
guiding our way.**

The Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be light in a world of shadows.
Shine, people of God!

**We have come to worship that we might be transformed
into instruments of God's light and love.**

Let us worship the Lord of all!

***HYMN**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH #173

***INVOCATION**

Loving God, your light shines over us, in us, and through us, each day. Open our eyes today to see your light in Christ, on the mountaintop and in our daily lives. Shine among us as we worship and praise, and send us forth to glow with your love in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and in serving one another. Amen.

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Catherine Schuyler

ANTHEM

When the Lord Restored Zion, Perry

The Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

PSALTER

Psalm 99

UMH #819

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

W&S #3008

SERMON

At the Core of Our Being

Rev. Catherine Schuyler

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen, Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #888

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Come Sunday

UMH #728

The Chancel Choir and baritone soloist, Madison Milhous
The Congregation may join the Choir in singing the final refrain.

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you speak to us from light and power. We hear and our hearts rejoice. But we forget. We confess that we have chosen to embrace selfishness and greed and to hide that choice from your light of truth. We have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves; we have allowed hatred and mistrust to separate us from our sisters and brothers who live differently from us. Forgive us, Lord. Open our lives and our hearts to the light of your love; cleanse us from unrighteousness; set us again on the right path, following your ways of justice and truth. In Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UMH #632

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Response

FWS #2257a-d

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING 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**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

FWS #2173

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(refrain) FWS #2173

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

(* 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

22nd Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2026

15th Kathy V & Amanda

22nd Rita & John

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- SPR Meeting – Monday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Class – Sunday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the library.
- Worship Committee -- Tuesday, 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.

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>

Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735

**Lent at
Farmingdale UMC**

Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday

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*

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