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David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING

Star-Child, C. R. Young

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

FWS #2107

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord, who formed you and loves you:

“I have called you by name and you are mine.”

We belong to the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.

People of God, come and hear and praise and remember.

Today we offer ourselves anew to God.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529

*INVOCATION

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan’s water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

PSALTER READING

Psalm 29

UMH #761

ANTHEM

His Name Was Jesus, Burt

The Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 3:13-17**

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON***HYMN OF PREPARATION***You Are Mine*

FWS #2218

SERMON*Beloved from the Start*

Rev. Catherine Schuyler

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE*Amen*, Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

HYMNI Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry*

FWS #2051

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**Musical Responses**

UMH #50

UMH #53

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**OFFERTORY SONG***I Wonder As I Wander*, Niles

Sharon Lensky, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Gracious God, we offer our gifts to the Christ child and to the work of his church throughout the world. Consecrate them to your glory and receive with them our joy and praise. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

Holy and Righteous God, we are ever thankful for your loving presence in the world. We realize that it is your grace that sustains us, your love that transforms us, your strength that draws us to you and to each other. We confess that we have not always stood for justice, worked for peace and walked in love and unity with all of your creation. Grant us your mercy. Transform us, renew us and stir us up. As your disciples, may we be one in will, in spirit, in word and in truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***PASSING OF THE PEACE****COMMUNION HYMN***You Feed Us, Gentle Savior*

W&S #3169

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**Musical response C**

UMH #20

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**

Song of Hope

FWS #2186

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Love Lifted Me

refrain only, W&S #3101

*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

11th Sharon Lensky
18th Danny
25th Karen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 2026

11th Lois & Kimberly S.
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

- Finance Committee – Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m.
- Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, January 26 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

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/gl/quest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAFAFF0ANM1&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAFAFF0ANM1&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.

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!

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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