



RALLY DAY

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

GATHERING

Just As I Am, Bradbury

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Welcome

Worship & Song #3152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, the Spirit of God has called us here this morning.

We come together in gladness, to worship and praise the Lord!

Disciples of Christ, the Spirit is here among us, embracing us in love.

We rejoice in this opportunity to be in God's presence.

People of God, the Spirit will go with us on our way.

We are confident that God's power sustains us always. Praise be to God!

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

United Methodist Hymnal #378

*INVOCATION

Gracious and holy God, touch our hearts with your love and power this morning. Surprise us with the tenderness of your compassion, that we might grow more compassionate with one another.

Hold those of us who suffer close in your warm embrace, strengthen us and guide us in all that we do, today and in the days to come, that we might walk as Christ's disciples, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

United Methodist Hymnal #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSING

HYMN

God of All Learning (to the tune of "Morning Has Broken")

**God of all learning, God of all knowing,
We bring these backpacks filled with supplies.
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.
Use them, we pray, to change many lives.**

**Bless all the students, young ones and old ones —
Walking or riding, traveling by bus.
May they remember that you go with them,
And that they all are precious to us.**

**Some kids are poor and some kids are wealthy;
May we give all the tools that they need.
May we make sure they're safe, loved and healthy
So that they all may thrive and succeed.**

**Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.
May they remember you walk beside them.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.**

CHANGE THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

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Philippians 1:21-30

ANTHEM

Clap Your Hands, Boertje

The Chancel Choir

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 20:1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Grace Alone

The Faith We Sing #2162

SERMON

Utterly Gracious, Utterly Unfair

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Our Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

United Methodist Hymnal #479

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Come, Come, Everybody Worship

choir, congregation is invited to join on the refrain

***DOXOLOGY**

United Methodist Hymnal #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Merciful Deliverer, you part the waters when we feel trapped and forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness, you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kin-dom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. Amen.

HYMN

The Trees of the Field

The Faith We Sing #2279

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Benediction Hymn

W&S #3182

***Our worship has ended; our service begins.
Please join us for the church barbeque.***

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.



PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Bible Study – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Ladies' Small Group – Friday, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Annual Church Conference – Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30pm SPRC members,
7:00 pm all church members

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.



We share food with our hungry neighbors through the work of the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. All non-perishable food is welcome. There's a [wish-list on Amazon](#).
Link is on the church website.

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.

LECTORS

Sept 20 Betty Gastelua
Sept 27 Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sept 20 Barbeque
Sept 27 Amanda & Vicki

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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

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