

TOGETHER



WE SERVE

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David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING

We Are God's People, Brahms

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Step by Step

W&S #3004

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;

of whom, then, shall we be afraid?

You who trust in the Lord, come and worship

Our lives rest in God, and we will give thanks and sing.

*HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH #344

*INVOCATION

God, your light shines on our lives and in our hearts, illuminating our whole selves, even those aspects which we might choose to hide. Give us courage to live in the light of your truth with openness, compassion and integrity. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

A SERVICE OF RECOGNITION OF A NEW APPOINTMENT

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*HYMN

Together We Serve

FWS #2175

*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 READING	Isaiah 9:1-4	
PSALTER	Psalm 27	UMH #758
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
ANTHEM	<i>By Our Love</i> , Scholtes/arr. Sewell	The Chancel Choir
*GOSPEL READING	Matthew 4:12-23	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Stand By Me</i>	
SERMON	<i>Finding Courage to Follow</i>	Rev. Catherine Schuyler
CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i> , Ringwald	The Chancel Choir
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	UMH #887
*PRAYER HYMN	<i>Nada Te Turbe</i>	FWS #2054
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY SOLO	<i>There Is a Balm</i> , 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.		
*HYMN	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	FWS #2212
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Go to the World</i>	W&S #3158

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_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.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

January 2026

25th Karen Gierie Newman

February 2026

1st Betty Gastelua

8th Amanda Urban

15th Diane Puchta

22nd Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 2026

25th Rita & John

February 2026

1st Vicki & Annemarie

8th Lois & Kimberly S

15th Kathy V & Amanda

22nd Rita & John

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Vision Meeting – Sunday, January 25 at 11 a.m. in the library
- Church Council – Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Worship Committee – Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Class – Sundays, February 1 and 22.

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

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 speak with her.

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