

The United Methodist Church of Wappingers

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*CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, we come from many houses.

Welcome to this household, the house of God.

PEOPLE: **Here we hear words that revive. Here we experience
grace that makes our heart glad.**

LEADER: God offers light to our eyes.

PEOPLE: **Christ brings wisdom to our hearts and minds.**

LEADER: God's teachings are sweeter than honey –

PEOPLE: **even honey dripping off the honeycomb!**

LEADER: They are more precious than gold –

PEOPLE: **even tons of pure gold!**

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, welcome to the house of God!

OPENING PRAYER: Teacher, Liberator, and Savior, we are in awe of your glorious presence. Your holy wisdom revives and enlightens us. Your vast power releases slaves from captivity and makes mountains smoke. Your salvation comes in knowing Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection. May our words and our meditations be pleasing to you, awesome God, our rock and our redeemer! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Redeemer God, forgive our failings and our sins—committed both knowingly and unknowingly. May we not be ruled by sin, and may it have no power over us. Raise us from wrongdoing, that we may share in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Dorsey

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: God's instruction is perfect, gladdening the heart, giving light to the eyes, and enlivening our very being! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON:

Philippians 3: 4b-14

ANTHEM

*GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 21: 33-46

SERMON

Pastor Dorsey

RESPONSE HYMN:

"Jesus Calls Us"

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

FAMILY PRAYER TIME

You are invited to come forward to the prayer rail for a time of personal prayer for healing, intercession on behalf of others in need, or to rededicate your life to Christ. You may then return to your seat or stay at the prayer rail throughout the time of prayer. Also anyone looking for a church home is welcome to come forward.

PRAYER RESPONSE

THE SHARING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

**Doxology*

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Loving God, we gather before you as a grateful people, but also as a longing people. We see your hopes for us and for our world—hopes of freedom, gladness, sweetness and righteousness—and we yearn to do our part. May our lives and our gifts help to free people who are caught in the house of slavery and dismay. May our lives and our gifts help people find your house of love and hope. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

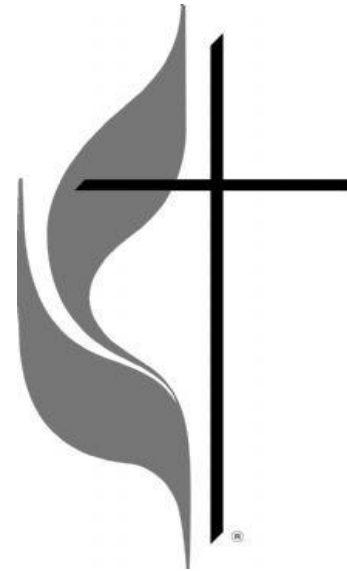
*CLOSING HYMN:

"The Church's One Foundation"

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*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

**Go forth to love and serve God and your neighbor in all that you do!



United Methodist Church of Wappingers

2017: A Year of Victory

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV

Pastor Scharlise Dorsey

OUR INVITATION

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come — this church offers welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.