

# The United Methodist Church of Wappingers

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

PEOPLE: **We are not afraid. We will not turn back.**

LEADER: The mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

PEOPLE: **We are not deterred. We will not turn back.**

LEADER: The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

PEOPLE: **We are blessed with the eyes of faith. We will not turn back.**

LEADER: Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.

PEOPLE: **We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah, and Jesus to shine like the sun.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of mighty tempest and devouring fire, you come to us shrouded in mystery. Just as Elisha followed Elijah until he was taken up into heaven, we will follow Christ up the mountain to behold his glory. Who are Moses and Elijah that we should not join their ranks among the faithful? What is to prevent us from shining with Christ this very day? Give us eyes and ears of faith, Holy One, that we may see the heavens open and hear your voice, calling us to follow your Son. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** God of mystery, the mountaintop seems so far away as we stand in its shadow. In our journey of faith, we yearn to have the courage of Elisha, who followed Elijah with a hope and faith that did not falter; we long to hear answers to questions that are only known at the end of the road. Will we see your presence in the whirlwind? Will we see the fiery chariot connect heaven and earth? Will we even have the courage to look up? Will we inherit a double portion of spirit from those who brought us up in the faith? May it be so, O God. May it be so. Amen

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Dorsey

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** God of new life, when we find ourselves exhausted and weary from life, help us turn toward you and your story, that we may be renewed. May the words we hear this day remind us that you give us strength to soar like eagles. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Joshua 4:8-10

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON:

1Corinthians 15:1-3

## ANTHEM

## \*GOSPEL LESSON:

SERMON "Hello From the Other Side"

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RESPONSE HYMN: "Spirit of Faith, Come Down"

UMH # 332

## 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*

UMH # 95

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Light of Light, when we grow accustomed to dwelling in the shadows and painting with drab colors, you bless us with your radiance and the vitality of your love. Illumine these gifts, Holy One, that the world may see your light shining through our offering. Illumine our very lives, O God, that we may remain restless until we shine like Christ upon the mountain, until we follow Elisha's footsteps and behold your glory. Amen.

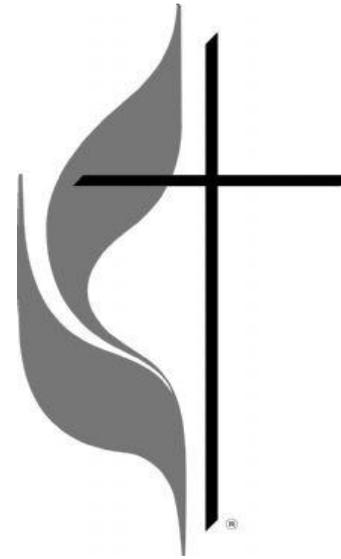
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN: *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”* UMH #  
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## \*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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



## *United Methodist Church of Wappingers*

### **2018: A Year of Moving Forward**

*Yes, GOD, your God, dried up the Jordan's waters for you until you had crossed, just as GOD, your God, did at the Red Sea, which had dried up before us until we had crossed. This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong GOD's rescuing hand is and so that you would hold GOD in solemn reverence always.*

*Joshua 4:23-24*

**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.*