

# The United Methodist Church of Wappingers

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: When we cried out to God in our distress,

PEOPLE: **God saved us in our hour of need.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of light and love, shine upon your people this day. Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways. Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us with your grace. Lead us into your truth, that we may live as children of light, and act as children of the Most High. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** God of poisonous snakes and deadly crosses, your ways can be terrible to behold. When we complain about what we lack, rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts, forgive us. When we see only the bad in our lives, and fail to see the good, heal our vision. When we act as disobedient children, and turn away from your light, save us with your unfailing grace. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor Dorsey

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** O Lord, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

Numbers 21: 4-9

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE LESSON:**

Ephesians 2: 1-10

**ANTHEM**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:**

John 3: 14-21

**SERMON**

Pastor Dorsey

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets" UMH # 108

**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:** God of light and love, shine through our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts into your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

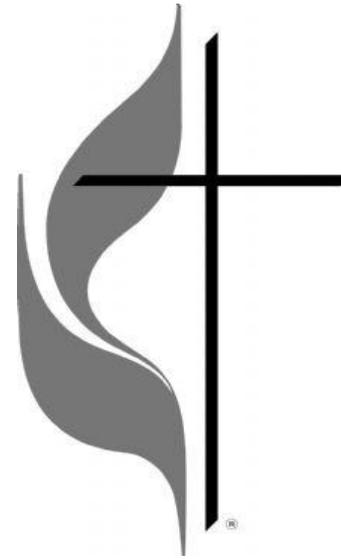
**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH # 206

**\*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.*