



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The healing Jesus offered to disciples long ago is available to us. They were freed to love with generous abandon; so are we. They learned to care for others without first measuring the benefits to themselves; so have we. They were led to the mountain top to commune with God; so are we. They found hope and new life in Christ; this is also God's gift to us.

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“Before I Was Born” - Haas
The Chancel Choir with Madison Milhous as baritone soloist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Step By Step”

W&S #3004 (2X)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen” - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

UMH #629 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

*HYMN

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

February 2025

23rd – Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2025

23rd – Rita & John

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, located next to the Sanctuary, to pick up a welcome packet and a gift! If you would like to leave your contact information or subscribe to our newsletter, simply scan the QR code below or stop by the Visitor Center to sign the guest book.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Vision Meeting – Today, February 16th at 11 a.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. (*Rescheduled from February 12th*)
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, March 3rd at 7 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry Team Meeting – Wednesday, February 26th at 5:45 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Save the Date! **Tuesday, March 4th - 5:00 pm.** Shrove Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. Adults \$6; Children 12 & Under: \$3. See Karen Gierie Newman, Jackie Suwalski or Evelyn Laky for tickets or RSVP to Karen at newman1309@aol.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, and Easter is on Sunday, April 20th. This Lenten season, we may let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- Ashes-To-Go at the church front yard: Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am
- Worship Service: Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm

BISHOP BICKERTON TO VISIT LIE DISTRICT: **Monday, February 24th** Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Commack United Methodist Church. Please see the flyer and register your attendance <https://ny-reg.brtaapp.com/LIEBishopsVisitFeb2025>

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please click this link for the details: <http://liedistrict.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=60251&PID=1026316>

CHEER AND SYMPATHY

Do you know someone who needs a little cheer, support, or good wishes in Christ? If so, please reach out to Diane Puchta, who is in charge of Cheer and Sympathy for the United Women in Faith. Diane will send a card to anyone in need. To provide your friend's name, address, or email, please contact Diane at (934) 500-9034 (text or call) or dmpuchta@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

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 *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

We share prayer requests as part of our regular service. Please raise your hand for the microphone to share your prayer concerns and joys with the congregation. If you have private prayer requests, please write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary and then pass it to the offering basket during the offertory time. Thank you!

LENT 2025 SERVICES SCHEDULE

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- Ash Wednesday Services:
Ashes-To-Go at the church front yard: Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am
Service: Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm
- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, April 13th at 9:30 am
- The North Shore and Central Nassau Coop Parish Meditation Service: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am

2025 LENTEN STUDY

Our 2025 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **March 9th through April 13th**, with a program led by Dr. Robert Carle, former theology professor, on church history. Topics will include the development of The New Testament, the Trinity, the Protestant Reformation, and the rise of Methodism. Meetings will be held after service at **11:00AM** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own snack/ lunch to enjoy during the program. Drinks will be provided. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.

Note: Pastor Claire Wu will be on vacation from the afternoon of February 16th to February 25th. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Miyeong Kang at 973-615-5764 or miyeong.kang@nyac-umc.com.

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