



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” – Ahle (1664)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131(vv. 1, 2, 3)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.

Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

God reigns through all generations.

We will praise God as long as we live.

We trust in God, our refuge, and our fortress.

We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid.

We call to God for protection and rescue.

Worship God, who richly provides us with all things.

Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever.

We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.

*OPENING HYMN

“We Are God's People”

FWS #2220(v. 1, 3, 4)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Ever-present God, let your Spirit fill this place, for we need to know that you are in charge. Through the terrors of night, amid the arrows that fly by day, we need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose. Show us here your saving, healing strength. Grant to us such confidence and contentment that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages, that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You were called to eternal life when you made your first confession of faith. Set your hopes on God, who richly provides all things for our enjoyment. Do good; be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In so doing, you will take hold of life as it is meant to be and you will realize the ever-present realm of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“When The Lord Restored Zion” - Perry
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 126

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:14-16

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH #114(vv. 1, 2)

SERMON

“Great Things and A Good Laugh”

Rev. DS Richard Hanse

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen” – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"My Life Flows On"
Congregational Hymn

FWS #2212

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community, and in outreach throughout the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors, as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Here I Am Lord”

UMH #593(vv. 1, 2, 3)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Here I Am Lord”

UMH #593(Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

September 2025

28th – Diane Puchta

October 2025

5th – John D Muller

12th – Betty Slavicek Gastelua

19th – Larry Bing

26th – Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

September 2025

28th – Rita & John

October 2025

5th – Vicki & Annemarie

12th – Smith & Muller

19th – Kathy V & Amanda

26th – 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, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to office@farmingdaleumc.org and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 pm
- Cooking Ministry: Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm
- Finance Committee: Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 pm

JOIN US FOR THE FUMC MINISTRY FAIR - TODAY

Today, you're invited to an exciting day of connection, discovery, and service! Each Committee Chair at FUMC will host a Ministry Fair where you can explore the many committees and ministries that help our church family thrive. Come meet ministry leaders, ask questions, and find opportunities to share the gifts God has given you. Whether you're curious about getting involved in a new way or just want to learn more about what's happening in our church, this Ministry Fair is a great place to start.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m. Bring your creatures great or small on leash or in a carrier. Stuffed animals welcome too!

2025 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

- **Church Conference** - Sunday, October 5th at 3:30 P.M.
- **Parish Celebrations and Worship** - Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm at Hicksville UMC
- **Church Conference Reports** – Committee Chairs of Nomination, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Membership, Pastor, and Lay Servants, kindly submit your reports to the office by Sunday, September 21st. If you have trouble finding your conference forms to report, please ask the Church Office.

DISTRICT EVENT:

Mission Committee Sleeping Bag Project: The L.I.E. district collects sleeping bags in August and September to assist the homeless. Please review the details on the flyer. Questions? Contact Barbara Flores.

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!

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For a link to view the service via on-line please visit www.farmingdaleumc.org