



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
4th Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025**

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent

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

GATHERING “Ayre” – J. Clarke/arr Hegarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “I Come with Joy” UMH #617 (vv. 1, 4, 5)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, God’s gift to us;
The fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.
We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;
The old has passed away, the new has come.
This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation;
Celebrate God’s love for the lost who are found.
The glad cries of deliverance surround us;
Shouts of joy arise from our hearts.
Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;
May all who are in Christ give thanks.
We will be glad and join the dance of life;
With the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.

***HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Welcoming God, we have gathered together so that you may teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need, you have provided. When we have stubbornly followed our own plans, you have curbed our impulses. From our days of confusion and aimless wandering, you have rescued us and restored us to our true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to shape us into a righteous, reconciling people. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we will not try to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. We have claimed too lightly the label “Christian,” for often we cut ourselves off from you and from people we disdain. At times our rebellion leaves us hungry, alone, and friendless. O God, we are not worthy to be called your children. Grant us, we pray, your forgiveness and pardon and a renewed sense of who you intend us to be and to become. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are assured that God forgives the guilt of our sin. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity and in those whose spirit there is no deceit. Rejoice, for God has brought us back to life!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise" – G. Young
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32:1-6

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 15:11b-32

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" UMH #348 (vv. 1, 4)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "You Are My Hiding Place" FWS #2055 (3X)
A Hymn for Choir & Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not value ourselves. Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace" W&S #3104

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Amazing Grace" W&S #3104 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

April 2025

- 6th – Diane Puchta
- 13th – Betty Gastelua
- 20th – John Muller
- 27th – Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2025

- 6th – Faustina & Vicki
- 13th – Smith/Muller
- 20th – Sherry & Kathy
- 27th – 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:

- Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 28th at 7 p.m.
- Nursery School Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHOE DRIVE: SOLES 4 SOULS – Support our Lenten Season Shoe Drive. We are collecting new and gently used shoes to be repurposed for those in need. **Congregation may bring in shoe donations every Sunday through April 20th.** Please see flyer for more information or visit <https://soles4souls.org> to learn how your donation can make a difference.

DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT: April 25-27, 2025 at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island. Check out the website at www.liedistrict.com/youthretreat or see Shanna Wurth for more information.

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

Easter is 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.

- 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.

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