



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025



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

**GATHERING**                    “O God of God, O Light of Light” - Schalk

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**                    “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”                    UMH #304 (vv. 1, 2, 3)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing the glad songs of victory;  
God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**God is our strength and our song;**

**This is the day of our salvation.**

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**The one who was rejected assures us:**

**We are accepted and beloved by God.**

We are chosen by God as witnesses to the good news.

We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice.**

**In Christ, all shall be made alive.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                    “He Lives”                    UMH #310

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

## INVOCATION

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**                    UMH #71

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgement we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Everyone who lives by trust in Jesus Christ has already received forgiveness of sins. Accept this gift God offers. You are chosen by God to receive it. Your prayers are answered, and your salvation is assured. Christ reigns over death, filling you with newness of life. Rise up! Rejoice! Witness to the good news!

## **CHANGE THE WORLD**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ANTHEM** "The Lord of Life" - Larson  
The Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 10:34-43

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 20:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "He is Lord" UMH #177 (2X)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

## **AFFIRMATION (APOSTLES' CREED)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** "The Holy City" - Adams  
Barbara Grabowski Schmidt, soprano

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“Because He Lives”

UMH #364

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Because He Lives”

UMH #364 (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

27<sup>th</sup> – Faustina Gyedu

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

April 2025

27<sup>th</sup> – 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:**

- Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Nursery School Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

**RETREAT MISSION PROJECT** The Mission Project for the youth Quinipet Retreat is a collection of comfort items for children to be given while being transported in ambulances or waiting in hospital emergency rooms. Collection items: small toys, cars, figurines, coloring/activity books, new/gently used books, crayons, colored pencils, playing cards, craft kits and new small plush animals, socks and pajama sets (birth-18 years). Items will be collected April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BLESSINGS IN THE AFTERNOON – GOSPEL SINGING AND PRAISE AT FARMINGDALE**

**GAZEBO: SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT 4 PM.** This event is hosted by 9 United Methodist churches in the North Shore and Central Nassau parish in Long Island East District and is mainly hosted by Farmingdale UMC. Please find the flyer and invite your friends. Let us sing together with the community to praise God at the Gazebo.

**L.I.E. MISSION WALK, SATURDAY, MAY 10, BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK @ 9:30 AM:** Each Church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. If you want to join our mission walk, please email to [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org). If you want to support, please write a check to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2025.

**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!



Please join us for a special Easter Sunday Coffee Hour with holiday treats, egg hunt and great fellowship!

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