



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

GATHERING “This is My Father’s World” – Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Sing Praises to God Who Reigns Above” UMH #126 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.
How good it is to be chosen by God;
We gather to sing our praises and thanks.
God has done great things for us; we are glad!
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.
We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;
We are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.
Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.
Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;
We press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

***HYMN** “My Hope is Built” UMH #368 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus we have so often chosen to ignore, we confess that we settle for lesser goals while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven. We seldom look beyond our own interests to the well-being of our sisters and brothers. We can see the wasteful acts of other people but not our own selfish habits. We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others. We need forgiveness, O God. Do a new thing within and among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God summons us to return and welcomes us with joy. We are restored to full communion with the saints and are united in the heavenly call of Christ. Together, we find our horizons expanded and our priorities are refined. God forgives us and sets before us once more the promise of fullness of life. Embrace God's pardon with renewed faith and joy.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ANTHEM

"The Carpenter" – J.M. Martin
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 126:1-6

*GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH #172 (vv. 1, 2)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"Give Me Jesus"
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

W&S #3140

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Trees of the Field”

FWS #2279 (3X)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“The Trees of the Field”

FWS #2279 (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

13th – Betty Gastelua

20th – John Muller

27th – Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2025

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:

- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 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.

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.

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

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