



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 18th, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Danny Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING “Voluntary on ‘Aurelia’ - Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” FWS #2031 (2x)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a time of God’s appearing; let us worship!
Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

God’s ear is inclined toward us.

We know that god listens and hears our prayers.

We are here to offer our thanks to God.

We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.

We praise God with great joy and gladness.

God bears us up on eagles’ wings.

God draws us into covenant community.

We will listen for God’s commandments.

We will seek to do all that God requires.

***OPENING HYMN** “The God of Abraham Praise” UMH #116 (vv 1, 2 & 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us. May we greet one another as your precious children and as messengers of your care. Help us offer such hospitality to one another that even the most skeptical among us will be touched by love. You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and doubt. Let your glory shine in this place today as we lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's favor rests on us. Sincere confession is met with caring acceptance. God hears the prayers of our hearts and grants us peace the world cannot give. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, that we might have access to the grace in which we stand. Lift up the cup of salvation and offer sacrifices of thanksgiving. God has loosed our bonds and freed us to share God's glory.

A LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Leader: For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love,
We pray to the Lord... *(silent prayer)*

Leader: For our fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,
We pray to the Lord... *(silent prayer)*

Leader: For men, though without children of their own,
who like fathers have nurtured and provided for us,
We pray to the Lord... *(silent prayer)*

Leader: For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
We pray to the Lord... *(silent prayer)*

Minister: God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things.
Your love was supremely demonstrated in the giving of Your Son, Christ our Lord for our salvation. Bless these men, that they may know Your love & be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Zachary Carle
Farmingdale High School

Eric Sattler
Stony Brook University

Kaylee Suwalski
Adelphi University

LITURGY OF CELEBRATION FOR OUR GRADUATES

Minister: God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of study.

All: We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

Minister: Walk with the graduates as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

All: Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.

Minister: For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to believe what love is bringing.

All: May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

RESPONSE HYMN FOR THE GRADUATE

UMH # 383 (vv 1 &4)

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Church School Superintendent: *Jenn Lee*

Jayne Majoros

Mary Bing

Mary Ann Nataro

Ladies’ Small Group Leaders: *Shanna Wurth*

Betty Gastelua

Men’s Prayer Group Leader: *Robert Carle*

Matt Wilson

Minister: Dear friends, these teachers have been a blessing to our church through their ministries of education. We thank each of you for your selfless devotion and gifts you have made for our Sunday school children. We are grateful to God who called you to teach, to administer the work of Christian education, and to support the teaching ministries of Christ among us, including children and youth.

All: In love we thank you for your response to the call of God to become workers in the church school. We recognize your selfless devotions and commitments of time and talents you have poured out for the educational ministry of this congregation.

Minister: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we are grateful to You for these servants who are standing before You and us. They have faithfully served Your church in nurturing the young children and led them to open their eyes for serving and following the Way of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, pour out Your blessings upon these Your servants who have joyfully responded to Your call for the church’s education ministries. Help them to teach us, trusting in Your promises, to invite our youth and young children to Christian discipleship, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in Your service. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them Your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYER HYMN

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH #352 (vv 1, 2 & 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

PRESENTATION OF SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 1:7-9

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:1-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION “My Hope is Built”

UMH #368 (v 1)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

FAVORITE HYMNS & PRAISES: We will be singing everyone's favorite Hymns and Praises during July and August. Please email the church office at office@farmingdaleumc.org with your favorites by Sunday, June 25th.

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