

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bulletin for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost July 16th, 2023

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7th Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING "Spirit of the Living God" – Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" + Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

We have committed ourselves to follow the light.

We come now to be instructed by God's law.

Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God.

Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

We reach out for more than we can see and hear.

We long to know Love's embrace deep within.

The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead.

That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope. God cares for the earth and for each one of us.

*OPENING HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

All-powerful God, we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own response to all the possibilities you lay out before us. We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures. Through their words, help us to discern your Word. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. Open us to a new appreciation of our birthright as your children. Beyond all our clamor for the things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the

FWS #2088 (2x)

UMH #140 (vv. 1 & 3)

amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we have the opportunity to grow in understanding and in the joy of serving others in Christ's name. The Spirit of life sets us free from our narrow concerns to celebrate the good within and around us. Life is transformed by our new attitude of gratitude.

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAY	YER (UNISON)	
EPISTLE READIN	G Romans 8:1-11	
GOSPEL READING	G Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
	s the Word of God. ks be to God.	
HYMN OF PREPAI	RATION "Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"	UMH #601
SERMON		Pastor Claire Wu
PRAYER RESPONS	SE "Amen, Amen"	UMH #897
Accept our offerin contributions tow made us partaker	"Cry of My Heart" HANKSGIVING (UNISON) ng of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along ard our church's mission. You have given us life and gu s of your own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to re in which all of us have a share bear much fruit, bringing	idance for living. You have eceive and share your Word.
*HYMN	"The Summons"	FWS #2130 (vv. 1, 2 & 5)
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"God is Good, All the Time"	W&S #3026 (v. 1)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

<u>July 2023</u> 23rd – Diane Puchta 30th – Sharon Lensky

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS

 $\frac{July 2023}{16^{th} - Jayme and Diane}$ $23^{rd} - Rita and John$ $30^{th} - UWF$

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 <u>office@farmingdaleumc.org</u> and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Vision Bearers Meeting - Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 11:00 am Church Council Meeting – Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm

NURSERY CARE

We will be offering nursery care for children up to five years old during service for the summer months. Volunteers are needed to help out. Please see Jenn Lee if you are interested.

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 are changing our prayer request format. We will 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 30th GBGM Missionary Reverend John Calhoun will join our service.
- August 13th UWF Luncheon Meeting please see Karen Gierie Newman for details.
- January 2024 NYAC Ten Day Trip to the Holy Land please contact the office if you are interested.

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