



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 2, 2023**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

**\*The YouTube option is no longer available. Please use Zoom instead.**

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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  
Debbie Cala, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “[‘Short’] Prelude #1 in C Major” – J.S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “This is My Father’s World”      UMH # 144  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning, our thoughts turn to God.

We have been led to this mountaintop of worship.

**We come, trusting in God’s steadfast love.**

**We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.**

God has made an everlasting covenant with us.

Let us proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.

**Sometimes we think God has forgotten us.**

**Often we do not understand what God expects of us.**

God deals bountifully with us in much that we take for granted.

God shows us the value of life and helps us celebrate.

**We bring our sorrow and pain to this healing time.**

**May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Here I Am, Lord”      UMH # 593

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Have you forgotten us, God? Will you remain hidden from us forever? We speak of you, but we do not know you. We often distrust those who speak glibly of your intervention in their lives. We marvel at the amazing variety of life on this planet. All that we see with our eyes is but a small hint of all that is revealed through microscopes and telescopes – other worlds of form and beauty so amazing beyond any telling. Yet our spiritual ancestors have known you not only as Creator of all things but as one who knows and loves each one of us. Help us to know you here, today. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal 39

Zayne Philip Dinda (son of Zita Theresa Gullo and Matthew James Dinda)

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now. Help us, loving God. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are not under law but under grace. We are being given God's great bounty as we receive the teaching of Jesus, the witness of our spiritual forebearers, and the exultation of the psalmist. God comes to us, not only from the past, but in every moment when we welcome another with even a cup of water in Christ's name. We are forgiven and renewed!

### 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 12:1-8

\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

UMH # 147 (v.1)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen"

UMH #897

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "Would I Have Answered When You Called" FWS # 2137 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

We bring our offering, not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt over having so much, but because it is such a privilege and joy to share. We dedicate these gifts, not to pay bills, but to enable a ministry that meets basic human needs with the good news of the gospel. May your people be empowered to give the service each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water to quench another's thirst. Amen.

\*HYMN                    “America the Beautiful”                    UMH # 696

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE            “America the Beautiful”                    UMH # 696 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

July 2023

9<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Nataro  
16<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Diane Puchta  
30<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky

**LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS:**

July 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> – Faustina & Vicki  
9<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Powers  
16<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Rita & John  
30<sup>th</sup> – 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 [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee – Tuesday, July 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
Vision Bearers – Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.  
Church Council – Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

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