



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 22nd, 2025**

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
John Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

“This is My Father’s World” – Trad. English Melody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“This Is The Day”

UMH #657 (3X)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God’s performance.

God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.

Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH #89 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God, our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we want to be helped, God is ready to pardon us and equip us for new life. Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness. Enemies can become friends. We can grow in faith and love. God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts. Praise God!

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Church School Superintendent: Jenn Lee

Mary Bing

Sue Jones

Jayme Majoros

Mary Ann Nataro

Confirmation Class Teachers: *Shanna Wurth* *Betty Gastelua*

Ladies' Small Group Leaders: *Shanna Wurth* *Betty Gastelua*

Men's Prayer Group Leader: *Matt Wilson* *Robert Carle*

Tiny Tots Program Leader: *Mary Ann Nataro*

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 Your people, young and old, 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 Your people, young and old, 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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Caleb Carle

Farmingdale High School

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 their 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 42:1-4

***GOSPEL READING**

Galatians 3:23-29

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“As the Deer”

FWS #2025

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“The Lone, Wild Bird” – arr Cutter
Alex Swerdlin, clarinetist

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of all times and places, may our offerings reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purposes. May the programs we undertake build up the body of Christ among us and far beyond us. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

June 2025

29th – Larry Bing

July 2025

6th – Karen Gierie Newman

13th – Sherry Tuscano

20th – Betty Gastelua

27th - TBD

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

June 2025

29th – UWF

July 2025

6th – Vicki

13th – Smith/Muller

20th – Sherry & Kathy V

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:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, June 23rd at 7 p.m.

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 29th**.

LONG ISLAND DUCKS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Ducks games. This year we will volunteer on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Garry Wurth for more information at garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

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!

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