



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**

_ Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” – Hayes/arr Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140 (vv. 1, 3)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Our Creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God’s children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

*OPENING HYMN

“My Life is In You, Lord!”

FWS #2032 (2X)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God swells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love's healing and our self-deceit to Love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – G. Young
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 4

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

UMH #328

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"O Love, How Deep"
The Chancel Choir and Congregation

UMH # 267

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us in safety through times of grave distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing that your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

UMH #322

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

UMH #322 (Refrain only)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

April 2024

21st – Faustina Gyedu

28th – Lois Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2024

21st – Jayme & Diane

28th – 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, 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 and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

SPRC Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Nursery School Meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **L.I.E. Mission Walk, Saturday, May 11th, Belmont Lake State Park @ 9:30 AM**
 - Each church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Bowery Mission, a homeless shelter.
 - How to Support:
 - If you want to join our mission walk, please email to office@farmingdaleumc.org or let Danny Gastelua know of your participation.
 - Visit <https://grouprev.com/MissionWalk2024-FUMC> to send a donation **OR**
 - Write a check to support Mission Walk (Make a check out to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2024)
 - Any Questions? See Danny Gastelua.
- **Twin County Chorus Church Fundraiser – Sunday, May 19th** - Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**. There will be a silent auction and refreshments served. Tickets are \$20 pp; seniors and students are \$15. We need your help to donate new items for the silent auction and/or seek donations from merchants. Any questions please see Jackie Suwalski..

SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP - We are pleased to announce that FUMC will be accepting applications for the 2024 Skip Newman Scholarship. Applicants should be students who are graduating from high school and entering an institution of higher learning.

Please contact the church office to request an application. You may return the application, along with the letter of reference via e-mail to the Church Office at office@farmingdaleumc.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 19, 2024. The awards will be presented on June 19.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth or Danny Gastelua to sign up. The more stands/games we cover, the more money we make.

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!

NOTE: *Pastor Claire Wu will be on vacation April 16th – 25th. For Pastoral emergencies please contact Rev. Iwy Patel-Yatri, 516-931-2626, humc.pastor@verizon.net*

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For a link to view the service via on-line please visit www.farmingdaleumc.org