



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/ Baptism Sunday

July 20, 2025



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING

“Without Seeing You, We Love You” - Haas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389 (vv. 1, 2)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, trusting God’s steadfast love.

Take refuge in the eternal presence.

We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.

We seek to rely on a power beyond ourselves.

Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.

Climb God’s holy hill, giving thanks.

It is not easy to have faith in one we do not know.

It is frightening to realize God’s sovereign power.

Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,

the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

We are the church, gathered in Christ’s name.

We are the body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.

*OPENING HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Awesome God, we thirst for your Word. We long to make sense of so much we do not understand. We want our worship to be more than a quick diversion from tasks that seem more pressing. We want to believe there is more to life than seeking personal gain. We bring to you today our troubles and anxieties, our estrangements and hostilities, our boasting and deceptions. Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectation of us. We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needy and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolence becomes self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do you truly want to be forgiven? If that is your honest choice, experience that forgiveness now in the very core of your being. Know that in the mystery of Jesus Christ we are truly reconciled to God. Continue in faith, not shifting from the hope of the gospel. Dwell consciously in God's presence in the midst of all you do every day.

CHANGE THE WORLD & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal 39

Caleb Jackson Ragoo

PSALM READING

Psalm 52:1-9

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 10:38-42

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Awesome God"

FWS #2040 (Sing 3 Times)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
Congregational Hymn

FWS #2128 (vv. 1, 3)

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH #251 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH #251 (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:

July 2025

20th – Betty Gastelua

27th – Lois Muller

August 2025

3rd – Danny Gastelua

10th – Diane Pucha

17th – Sharon Lensky

24th – Karen Gierie Newman

31st – Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

July 2025

20th – Kathy V & Jayme

27th – Rita & John

August 2025

3rd – Vicki & TBA

10th – Smith & Muller

17th – Kathy V & Jayme

24th – Rita & John

31st – 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, 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, July 28th at 7 p.m.

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.

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 from July 21 to August 2. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Heejo Lee, serving at East Meadow UMC, at 516-669-4785 or Heejo.Lee@nyac-umc.com.

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