



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 9th, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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
Matt Wilson, Lay Speaker
Mary Ann Nataro, Liturgist

GATHERING “Sweet Hour of Prayer” – Clarke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “I Sing Praises to Your Name” FWS # 2037
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God,
Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Give ear all people, to the law of God.

Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

God upholds all who are falling.

God raises us up when we are bowed down.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

The gentle spirit of Christ inspires us.

We have come to find rest for our souls.

***OPENING HYMN** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH # 557 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We come together, gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. The anticipation of this hour of rest and nourishment fills us to renewed joy and gladness. We thank you, God, that your revelation comes to us, not because we are worthy, but because we are open to your word. Open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. Yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and one another. O God, help us to put away this sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s forgiveness is realized most profoundly by those who understand their own emptiness and seek the refreshment God alone can provide. We are drawn to God and to one another by the Eternal Spirit who wills our unity, who offers help with the burdens we carry and invites us to find rest for our souls. Christ assures us: “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

EPISTLE READING Romans 7:15-25

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “How Majestic is Your Name” FWS # 2023

SERMON Matt Wilson

PRAYER RESPONSE “Amen, Amen” UMH # 897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks" FWS # 2036 (2X)

***DOXOLOGY** UMH # 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

With all the gifts of creation, you have blessed us, gracious God. We give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. We ask for wisdom as our church determines priorities for the use of resources. May we be as concerned about outreach and mission as we are about programs for ourselves. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. Amen.

***HYMN** “My Life is In You” FWS # 2039

***BENEDICTION** Matt Wilson

***POSTLUDE** “My Life is In You” FWS # 2039

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

16th – Karen Gierie Newman
23rd – Diane Puchta
30th – Sharon Lensky

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS

July 2023

9th – Smith/Powers
16th – Jayme & Diane
23rd – Rita & John
30th – 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 and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:30 pm
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.

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