



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 2023**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**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

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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

**GATHERING** “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”/”Steal Away to Jesus”  
With Alex Swerdlin, Clarinetist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** “My Life is in You, Lord” FWS #2032  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a Sabbath dedicated to our God.  
Let this gathering place be a home for all people.  
**May God be gracious to us and bless us.**  
**May God’s face shine over all the earth’s people.**  
Let all the people praise the God of all nations.  
Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.  
**May God grant us understanding and courage.**  
**May faith grow beyond our doubts.**  
This earth has yielded in blessing.  
Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.  
**God brings us together in unity in purpose.**  
**May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH #383 (VV 1, 3, 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

How good and pleasant is it, O God, when kindred live together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand, both your word for us and our sharing with one another. Keep us from being misled by popular acclaim and the wisdom of the marketplace. May we not be unobservant guide to one another but rather be fully open to your gifts and obedient to your call. Come to us now with healing and blessing. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we cannot see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us to put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's merciful toward us and listens to our honest prayers. Our thoughts and deeds are fully known to God, who is eager to forgive and to lead us to new understandings. When we earnestly seek God's help, we are set free to discover new opportunities. Even in the worse of circumstances, God works with us to bring some good and to preserve life. May God be praised!

## **CHANGE THE WORLD**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** James 5:7-12

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526 (VV 1 & 3)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"  
Alex Swerdlin, Clarinetist

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**As you have blessed us, O God, we are eager to share. May we offer more than crumbs from your table. May none be sent away from the blessings you intend for all. We want our offerings to preserve and extend life to your children, here in this place and wherever our influence can reach. What is in the offering plate is only a part of what we dedicate ourselves to do and be that your reign of unity and peace may come. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "The Summons" FWS #2130 (VV 1, 2, 5)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "My Life is in You, Lord" FWS #2032 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\*) Please stand as you are able.

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

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

August 2023

27<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Nataro

**LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS:**

August 2023

20<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

27<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 28, 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **January 2024 – NYAC Ten Day Trip to the Holy Land** – please contact the office if you are interested.

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