



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 30th, 2023**

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
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “He’s All the World to Me” – Buffington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “He is Exalted” FWS #2070 (2X)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let hearts rejoice as we sing God’s praise.

Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.

Let all the people tell of God’s wonderful works.

Let us open ourselves continually to God’s presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

We can face all things, knowing God’s care.

***OPENING HYMN** “All Creatures of Our God and King” UMH #62 (VV. 1, 5, 7)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ’s intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Praise our God who forgives and restores. Give thanks for the inheritance that is ours in Christ Jesus. We have received a pearl of great value, a treasure underserved, a pardon unmerited. Nothing can separate us from the Love of God – not death or life, not angels or rulers, not things present or things to come, not heights or depths; no earthly power or anything in all creation can take away God’s abiding concern and care for each one of us. Praise God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 12:4-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Thou Art Worthy” FWS #2041

SERMON “The Body of Christ has Many Members!” Rev. John Calhoun

PRAYER RESPONSE “Amen, Amen” UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431
Sharon Lensky, Soloist

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our offering. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love. We give you thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Amen.

***HYMN** “We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations” UMH #569 (VV. 1, 3, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations” UMH #569 (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

6th – Sherry Tuscano
13th – Karen Gierie Newman
20th – Betty Gastelua
27th – Mary Ann Nataro

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS

July 2023

30th – UWF

August 2023

6th – Faustina & Vicki

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:

Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
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:

- **August 6th – Family Beach Night** – Tanner Park, Copiague – 5:30 p.m. Please see Shanna Wurth for more information.
- **August 13th – UWF Luncheon Meeting** – Please see Karen Gierie Newman for details.
- **January 2024 – NYAC Ten Day Trip to the Holy Land** – please contact the office if you are interested.

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