



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
5th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2025**

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
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “Soul-Searching” – Loeillet/arr Hegarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts;
The whole earth is full of God’s glory.
Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God.
We bring before you our songs of praise.
All rulers of the people are called to praise God.
All people of the earth are subject to God’s rule.
The steadfast love of God surrounds us here.
We have come to see and hear and understand.
Let the thresholds shake with the power of God’s voice.
Our lives can be channels for God’s grace.
God’s purposes endure and will be fulfilled.
Our lives can be channels for God’s grace.

***HYMN** “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee” UMH #430 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

O God, whose presence fills this place of gathering, we bow before your majesty in awe and wonder. When we consider the vast universe of your dominion, we are humbled by your attention to us. Your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us. Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth. Send your gospel to teach us, to save us from ourselves, to lead us into all truth. Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you and grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do them. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Stand up, people of God. Our creator reaches out to lift us up and deliver us from the troubles around us and the distress within. God touches our lips to cleanse us and take our sins away. By the grace of God, Christ comes to us, reclaiming us, showing us a new way, empowering us for effective service.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“Before I Was Born” - Haas
The Chancel Choir with Madison Milhous as baritone soloist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 138

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Would I Have Answered When You Called” FWS #2137 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen” - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“The Lord is My Shepherd” - Smart
Duet: Barbara Grabowski-Schmidt, soprano & Erica Hamill, mezzo-soprano

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.

*HYMN

“Where He Leads Me” UMH #338 (vv 1, 2, 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Where He Leads Me” UMH #338 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

February 2025

16th – Danny Gastelua

23rd – Faustina Gyedu

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2025

16th – Sherry & Kathy

23rd – 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, 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:

- Finance Committee – Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.
- Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, February 16th at 11 a.m.
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 24th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – TODAY following service in Fellowship Hall.

UWF PANCAKE SUPPER – Join us for UWF Pancake Supper. **Tuesday, March 4th 5 -7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$6; Children 12 & Under: \$3. See Karen Gierie Newman, Jackie Suwalski or Evelyn Laky for tickets or RSVP to Karen at newman1309@aol.com.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

CHEER AND SYMPATHY

Do you know someone who needs a little cheer, support, or good wishes in Christ? If so, please reach out to Diane Puchta, who is in charge of Cheer and Sympathy for the United Women in Faith. Diane will send a card to anyone in need. To provide your friend's name, address, or email, please contact Diane at (934) 500-9034 (text or call) or dmpuchta@gmail.com.

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!

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