



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024**

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**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  
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “The Lone, Wild Bird” - Lau

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “To God Be the Glory”      UMH #98 (vv. 1, 3)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Light has entered our world; rejoice!

Light is God’s gift to each, and to all together.

**Give thanks to God for days of watchful care.**

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice!

Let them tell the world of God’s good news!

**We will thank God for wonderful works.**

**We will rejoice in God’s love for all humankind.**

By God’s word, we are delivered from destruction.

By God’s mercy, we are healed and made whole.

**Our voices will join in songs of joy.**

**Our lives will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

Amen. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Gather Us In”      FWS #2236 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

God of infinite patience, we call on you once more, knowing that you have every reason to question our coming together. We have worshiped without expectation. We have gathered without diligent preparation, as if meeting you laid no requirement on us. Amid the complexities of our lives, we have forgotten to set aside times to be still before you. Sometimes we feel as if we are bitten by snakes all week long, so we assemble here for some relief and healing. O God, will you meet us as we are? Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we are sick through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done and the doubt that shows on our faces. By our self-indulgent habits, we are destroying ourselves and depriving others. As a church, we seem content to be dead in our trespasses, for we are

afraid to embrace the changes that come with the new life you offer. We cry out to you in our trouble. Save us from our distress. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God loved the world so much that Jesus Christ was sent to show us the way to eternal life. We are not condemned, but offered saving grace. Come to the light. Let its warmth melt away our resistance to God's truth. We are re-created in Jesus Christ that we may do the good that God intends and make that goodness our way of life. Praise God!

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**ANTHEM** "The Cross Says Come"  
The Chancel Choir

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Peter 2:11-17

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 14:7-14

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Sanctuary" FWS #2164 (2X)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen" - Ringwald  
The Chancel Choir

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" W&S #3139  
The Chancel Choir and the Congregation

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

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

**For life-sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted – for shelter, food, and meaningful tasks to do; for your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our sinful ways; for your word that guides and heals us – we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all you entrust to us to further the ministries of the church, may we show to others the immeasurable riches of your grace in Jesus Christ. Make this church a beacon of hope for the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" FWS #2221 (vv. 1, 2)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "What a Mighty God We Serve" W&S #3016 (2X)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

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

### **UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

March 2024

17<sup>th</sup> – Diane Puchta  
24<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky  
28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday 7 pm – Danny Gastelua  
29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday 7 pm – Karen Gierie Newman  
31st – Easter Sunday – Sherry Tuscano

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

March 2024

17th – Jayme & Diane  
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, 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**

Cooking Ministry - Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Skip Newman Scholarship Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting – Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Bishop Bickerton to Visit LIE District - Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** - Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills.
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details
- **Church Fundraiser – Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** - Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. There will be a silent auction and refreshments served. Tickets are \$20 pp; seniors and students are \$15. We need your help to donate new items for the silent auction and/or seek donations from merchants. Any questions please see Jackie Suwalski.

## **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.

### **WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY**

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!

## **LENT 2024 SERVICES SCHEDULE:**

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and Easter is on Sunday, March 31. This Lenten season, may we let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- 5th Sunday in Lent: Dramatic reading of the Wife of the Pontius Pilate: Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am
- The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service: Tuesday, March 26 at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am



## **2024 LENTEN STUDY**

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

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**Church Office Hours: Tuesdays- Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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