



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (2x)

FWS #2031

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready to answer us, even before we call.

God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

The hills sing together before God's presence.

All of nature proclaims God's glory.

If the seas join in praise, how much more should we.

If hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake to sing.

Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the earth!

Break forth into joyous song!

Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.

Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

We worship God with great joy and delight.

We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

W&S #3124 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God of hosts, our strength and our salvation, there are no words large enough to praise you. No response by us can match the love you have shown us. Gather us now in your warm embrace, that our faith may be renewed and our work empowered to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our salvation, we confess that we have tried to live apart from you. Our daily habits deny your reality. We toil without seeking your will. We work without giving our best. We compete with brothers and sisters without valuing them as your children or relating to them as our kin. We follow fads and false leaders while neglecting our faith. Forgive our misplaced trust, our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness, and our failure to empathize with others. Restore our connections with all from whom we are alienated. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who revere God's name will find healing when they come to God in heartfelt prayer. Those who model themselves after the saints will grow in love and trust. Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating among us. God grants forgiveness along with wisdom and strength to face life's challenges.

CHANGE THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"A Thanksgiving Prayer" - Besig
The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 2:4-7a

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 18:35-43

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399 (v. 1, 3)

SERMON

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" – Ringwald The Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Covenant Prayer" W&S #3115
Congregational Hymn

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We rejoice, O God, in the new world you are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in the church as we draw water from the wells of salvation. It is our intention to share the joy, to proclaim your Word among all nations, We work quietly and enthusiastically for a world where your love reigns. To these ends, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

***HYMN** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" FWS #2281 (sing 2 times)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "God Is Good All the Time" W&S #3026 (v. 5)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

November

16th Sharon Lensky

3rd John Muller

30th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

November

16th Kathy V & Amanda

23rd Rita & John

30th UWF

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

Church Council – Monday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: TODAY IS NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY - Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers as we plan for the next stage of FUMC for the year 2026. As we wrap up the campaign, we ask God to consecrate our commitments. Please join us for a special moment during the worship to present your commitment pledge card.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Farmingdale UMC Food Ministry is holding a food drive through Sunday, November 23rd. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishables to church and help us serve those in need. Thank you!

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is seeking our support. Despite their name, the organization provides essential assistance—including food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies—to **anyone in need across Long Island**, not only individuals experiencing homelessness.

Their current greatest need is for shelf-stable protein items, including: Canned tuna and chicken, Pasta, Rice and beans, and Peanut butter. For your convenience, donations may be made directly through their [Amazon Wishlist - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAF0ANM1&language=en-US], or you are welcome to bring items to the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God's love through your generosity and compassion.

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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