



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVnNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – L. Smith

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      UMH #89 (VV 1 & 2)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.  
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

**God’s love surrounds us here today.**

**God calls us to be children of light.**

We belong to the day when we have faith.

We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

**We seek to be faithful to the best we know.**

**We want to invest the talents God gives us.**

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

**We are here to build up one another.**

**May our worship encourage each of us today.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”      UMH #694 (VV 1, 2, 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence. Awaken our spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security and help us to live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement as will build up community and lead all of us to live in the light. May faith and love dominate all our relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are reluctant to face your judgement, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day – your day. Help us! Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God's commands. Live as children of light.

## **CHANGE THE WORLD**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**ANTHEM** "We Bring Our Thanks" - Schram  
The Chancel Choir

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** 1 John 3:16-18

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" FWS #2151 (VV 1 & 3)

**SERMON** Pastor Wu

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

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** "All Good Gifts" (from "Godspell") - Schwartz  
Sharon Lensky, Soprano

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

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

**There is no escape from your judgement, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FWS#2153 (VV 1, 2, 3)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FWS#2153 (V 4)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

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

### **UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

November 2023  
26<sup>th</sup> – Diane Puchta

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

November 2023  
26<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, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 p.m.  
Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 11 a.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **CHARGE CONFERENCE: November 19th, 2023** - Our (in person) Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th, at Hicksville UMC at 2:30 pm.
- **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** - Please bring in your canned goods and non-perishables to church and help us serve those in need.
- **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – New Consecration Sunday is November 26th!** Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers as we plan for the next stage of FUMC for the year 2024. As we are going to the end of the campaign, we ask God to consecrate our commitments and will step out in faith next Sunday, November 26. Please join us for a special moment during the worship to present your commitment pledge card.

How to submit your commitment pledge card:

- Please pray first and bring your card to next Sunday's worship service. There will be a time to submit your card to the altar during worship.
- For those who cannot join next Sunday's worship service, please mail it to the church office at 407 Main Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735.
- For those who have already submitted your card, you don't need to re-submit again.

Following our consecration service, we will gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship to celebrate. Thank you for your commitment to God's call to change lives, strengthen churches, and transform the world.

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING:**

We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!



## **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 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.

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

For a link to view the service via on-line please visit [www.farmingdaleumc.org](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org)