



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 11, 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
Sherry Tuscano, Liturgist
Debbie Cala, Lay Speaker

GATHERING “O God of God, O Light of Light” – Schalk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Awesome God”
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

FWS #2040 (2x)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us out of places known and secure.

God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.

God’s counsel to every generation comes to us.

God continues to bring new worlds into being.

God is constantly offering new opportunities to us.

We are called away from empty pursuits.

God wants to employ our talents for the common good.

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

Praise God with instruments we have made.

Sing praises with voices God has given.

***OPENING HYMN** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH # 519 (vv 1 & 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God Most High, it is hard to hear you calling us, for there are so many competing voices vying for our attention. It is difficult to believe your promises because we have been misled by so many empty commitments. We are hesitant to hope for healing and fulfillment amid the living death so many experience in our times. Yet, as we gather here to touch the Unseen Presence, we are moved to rejoice. We stand in awe before you, eager to live by faith, anticipating your mercy, giving thanks for your word. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, we come to you as tax collectors and sinners flocked to Jesus long ago. We have wavered in distrust of your promises, yet cling to their truth. We believe that your ways are far more fulfilling than any we can devise, yet we shrink from following where Christ leads. Forgive our

pursuit of lesser gods we create, and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us. Draw us closer to you, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rejoice, for God gives life to the dead and calls into existence possibilities we could not imagine. Christ died for our sins and rose to new life that we might be justified. Let us explore together what that means in the assurance that God is able and willing to fulfill all the promises made to us. God takes us by the hand and lifts us up to abundant life. Praise God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN "Trust and Obey" UMH # 467 (vv 1, 3 &4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1-9

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Lead Me, Lord" UMH # 473

SERMON Trusting the Unknown Debbie Cala, Lay Speaker

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" UMH #897
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "Cry of My Heart" FWS # 2165
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank you for drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today fulfill your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust your mercy. Amen.

***HYMN** "Lord of the Dance" UMH # 261 (vv 1, 2 & 5)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Lord of the Dance" UMH # 261 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

June 2023

18th – Betty Gestelua

25th – Diane Puchta

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS:

June 2023

11th – Smith/Andrews

18th – Jayme & Diane

25th – 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 and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee – Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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!

CELEBRATING GRADUATES: Do you know someone who will graduate this year? Please call the office or email the info to office@farmingdaleumc.org by June 11th. We will celebrate their milestones and pray for their new journey.

FAVORITE HYMNS & PRAISES: We will be singing everyone's favorite Hymns and Praises during July and August. Please email the church office at office@farmingdaleumc.org with your favorites by Sunday, June 25th.

EVENTS:

- June 18th – Father's Day, Graduation & Skip Newman Scholarship Recognition Day

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

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