

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bulletin for the Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music Sherry Tuscano, Liturgist

GATHERING

"Christ Is Risen From the Dead! O Death, Where Is Your Sting?

O Grave, Where Is Your Victory?" - Walczynski

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE "Christ is Alive" UMH #318 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a great and joyous festival day.

Come to celebrate amazing good news.

We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Sing songs of praise, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has answered our prayers with salvation.

Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*OPENING HYMN "He Lives" UMH #310 (vv. 1, 3)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. We need your healing presence. We need your word of greeting that welcomes us into the community of faith in spite of our doubts and faithlessness. You are the Great Teacher. We have come to learn from you. We want to be your disciples. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced

priorities that have led us away from your will and way. Help us break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right finds forgiveness and acceptance. The One who came to embody love among people is ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. In Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven, and we are being saved. The grace of God is extended to each of us on this day of resurrection. Praise God!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

"I Will Rise" - Tomlin **ANTHEM**

The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:18-24

*GOSPEL READING John 20:11-18

> Leader: This is the Word of God. People: Thanks be to God

"In the Garden" HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #314 (vv 1, 2)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

AFFIRMATION (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven.

And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD **OFFERTORY**

"The Holy City" - Adams

Barbara Grabowski-Schmidt, soprano

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We consecrate all we have brought to share, that the message of today may spread through the streets and across the lands, beginning within these walls and bursting out for all the world to hear and observe. May the glad songs motivate practical ministries. As forgiven and forgiving people, we take new life into the marketplace, into our jobs and schools, into our social life and leisure hours. May all we offer express true thankfulness. Amen.

*HYMN "Because He Lives" UMH #364 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Because He Lives" UMH #364 (Refrain only)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS: COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2024

7th – Diane Puchta 14th – Karen Gierie Newman 21st – Debbie Cala

28th – Lois Muller

7th – Faustina & Vicki 14th – Smith/Muller 21st – Jayme & Diane 28th – Rita & John

April 2024

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

Trustee Meeting - Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

SPRC Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Nursery School Meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet April 5th-7th Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details
- Church Fundraiser Sunday, May 19th Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on Sunday, May 19th, 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.

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!

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!</u> We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth or Danny Gastelua to sign up. The more stands/games we cover, the more money we make.



Please join us for a Special Easter Sunday Coffee Hour with holiday treats, egg hunt and great fellowship!

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