

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bulletin for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024

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 Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING "Just As I Am" – V. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE "We Gather Together" UMH #131 (VV 1, 3)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.

God's righteousness endures forever.

We come together as a congregation of believers.

We give thanks to God with whole hearts.

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.

At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

The works of God's hands are established among us.

We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.

Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.

All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

We call on God to empower our worship.

*HYMN "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH #344 (VV 1, 2)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All who love God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationship with one another. God applauds our efforts to rid our lives of pseudo-gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Praise God forever and ever!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - Larson

The Chancel Choir

*1st GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:43-48

*2ND GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-36

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Christ Beside Me" FWS #2166 (VV 1, 2)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen Amen" UMH #897

The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" UMH #629 (VV 1, 4, 5)

The Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN "I'll Fly Away" FWS #2282

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "I'll Fly Away" FWS #2282 (Refrain)

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:

February 2024

 $4th-Danny\ Gastelua$

11th – Betty Gastelua

18th – Lois Muller

25th – Sharon Lensky

February 2024

4th – Faustina & Vicki

11th – Smith/Muller

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:

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12th at 7 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- VALENTINE PASTA MINGLE Saturday, February 10th at 5pm. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour. \$10 for adult; \$5 for children 4-10; under 4 free. Children will enjoy pasta and fun activities separate from their parents.
- SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 11th Fellowship Hall.
- LIE D2D Conference Saturday, February 3rd at Hampton Bays UMC or Saturday, February 10th at Hicksville UMC. 9 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Free workshop for church leaders. See the flyer for more details.
- LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet April 5th-7th Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details.

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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

You may pick up your offering envelopes for 2024 in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't see your envelopes or if you would like to get a set of offering envelopes, please let Dwight Andrews or Pastor know.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

The 2024 Spring Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

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