



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 2024**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

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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  
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

## GATHERING

“Someone’s Praying, Lord” – D.F. Wagner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** “God Made from One Blood” FWS #2170 (vv. 1, 2)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us from the sun’s rising to its setting.

Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

**Our God comes and does not keep silence.**

**Through fire and tempest, God is with us.**

God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God’s invitation.

**We seek a double share of the prophet’s spirit.**

**We look for a vision to claim our souls.**

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

**We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ**

**We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “This is My Father’s World” UMH #144 (vv. 1, 3)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours**

with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.

### **CHANGE THE WORLD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**ANTHEM** "A Gladsome Hymn of Praise" arr Lovell  
The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 50:1-6

**\*GOSPEL READING** Mark 9:2-9

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277 (vv. 1, 2)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

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

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "Come Sunday" UMH #728  
Madison Milhous, baritone soloist; The Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

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

Use our gifts, mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom, hope where there is despair, peace where there is turmoil. May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around your world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophets' spirit to discern clearly the ways you would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.

**\*HYMN** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" FWS #2184 (2x)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" FWS # 2184 (Second Part)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

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

### **UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

February 2024

18<sup>th</sup> – Lois Muller

25<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

February 2024

18<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

25<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**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

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

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fellowship Hall.
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

### **WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY**

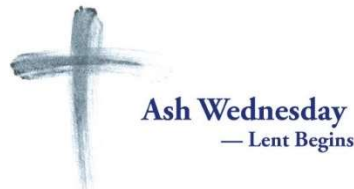
If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!

### **LENT 2024 SERVICES SCHEDULE:**

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and Easter is on Sunday, March 31. This Lenten season, we may let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 14 at 7 pm
- 3rd Sunday in Lent: Youth Sunday: Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 am
- 5th Sunday in Lent: Dramatic reading of the Wife of the Pontius Pilate: Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am

- The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service: Tuesday, March 26 at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am



Pastor Claire will distribute ashes to anyone in the community regardless of faith or denomination in front of the church on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM to 12:30PM**. All are welcome.

Our **Ash Wednesday service** will be at **7:00 PM**, all are welcome there, too!



### **2024 LENTEN STUDY**

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

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