



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
6th Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING

“God Bless America” - Berlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577 (vv. 1, 4)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

We have come to hear the Word of God.

We have brought with us all that weighs us down.

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.

Be glad together and sing for joy.

Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.

Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.

God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We are invited to make our home with the living God.

May God’s ways be known within and among us.

May God guide all nations in ways of peace.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Great is Our God”

W&S #3003

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Maker of all things, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You have provided the water of life and our baptism. You have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished us through your Word. Meet us again in the joyous encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all we have and all that we are. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus invites us to stand, to feel our own strength, to understand our own power, to sense the changes that love is accomplishing within us and among us. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that we need in order to be faithful. We are loving servants of God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace. Praise God, who has blessed and forgiven us.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" – Hatch, Alexander, Naish
The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:1, 16-24

***GOSPEL READING** John 3:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH #349 (2X)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

A LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved

servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. Amen.

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Shall We Gather at the River”

UMH #723 (vv. 1, 4)

The Chancel Choir & Congregation

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH #717 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH #717 (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 2025

1st – Faustina Gyedu

8th – Betty Gastelua

15th – Diane Puchta

22nd – Larry Bing

25th – John Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

June 2025

1st – Vicki

8th – Smith/Muller

15th – Sherry & Kathy V.

22nd – Rita & John

25th – UWF

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, located next to the Sanctuary, to pick up a welcome packet and a gift! If you would like to leave your contact information or subscribe to our newsletter, simply scan the QR code below or stop by the Visitor Center to sign the guest book.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, June 23rd at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Calling All Yard Sale Enthusiasts!!! – FUMC will be holding a yard sale on **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Come check out the huge variety of new, used & *VINTAGE* items! Volunteers are needed! Thank you!

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, July 7th.

SOLES4SOULS SHOE PACKING: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Thank you for your shoe donations!

We've gathered nearly 250 pairs. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack the shoes for "Soles4Souls." Packing will take place on **Sunday, June 1, after the worship service.** We appreciate your support for our community. If you have questions, please reach out to Barbara Flores.

LONG ISLAND DUCKS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Ducks games. This year we will volunteer on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Garry Wurth for more information at garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

FOOD DRIVE: LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS – Help us help those in need! We are gathering toiletries, non-perishable food, and household items for LICH. Please see the flyer for a list of items needed or scan QR code below to shop via Amazon wish list and have donations shipped directly to LICH.

SCAN THE CODE



Shop our Amazon list, and your
donation ships straight to us!

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!

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