



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING “He’ll Take Care of Me” - Buffington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

UMH #557 (VV 1, 3, 4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of God to be fed.

Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

We gather to seek God’s face.

Let our eyes see all that is right and true.

Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.

Seek to experience God’s steadfast love.

We are here to receive God’s blessing.

God is our refuge in a frightening world.

God is near to all who call and seek.

Come and praise God and receive a blessing.

Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.

We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

***OPENING HYMN** “I Sing Praises to Your Name”

FWS #2037 (VV. 1, 2)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. The earth is full of your provisions. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall. Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is merciful, patient, kind, and loving. All creation is subject to God's care and concern. God attends to our cries and frees our lips from deceit. In Christ, our brokenness finds healing, and relationships are mended and strengthened. God feeds us in ways beyond our knowing and prompts our generosity. Know the glory of God surrounding us here as we worship. Celebrate the refreshment God offers.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:1-3

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4:12-22

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Awesome God"

FWS #2040 (2X)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen"

UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "The Gift of Love"

UMH #408

Himal Shrestha, baritone

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen.

*HYMN “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

FWS #2034

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

FWS #2034 (V.1)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

August 2023

13th – Karen Gierie Newman

20th – Betty Gastelua

27th – Mary Ann Nataro

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS:

August 2023

6th – Faustina & Vicki

13th – Smith/Powers

20th – Jayme & Diane

27th – 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:

Vision Bearers – Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY CARE

We will be offering nursery care for children up to five years old during service for the summer months.

Volunteers are needed to help out. Please see Jenn Lee if you are interested

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 are changing our prayer request format. We will 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

If you need offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **August 6th – Family Beach Night** – Tanner Park, Copiague – 5:30 p.m. Please see Shanna Wurth for more information.
- **August 13th – UWF Luncheon Meeting** – please see Karen Gierie Newman for details.
- **January 2024 – NYAC Ten Day Trip to the Holy Land** – please contact the office if you are interested.

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

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