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Welcome to the

FARMINGDALE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Hastings

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

Welcome, v. 1

W&S #3152

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, come and rest in the presence of the Holy One.

We are silent before the power of God.

Disciples of Christ, come away from the crowds, and listen.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

You who are offered the power of the Spirit, renew your souls here in this place.

We are filled with peace and joy as we worship and praise the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH #347

*INVOCATION

Holy and gracious God, you have loved us with an everlasting love and brought us to this place in our lives. Come among us in power this morning; fill us with your Spirit and guide us in the ways of love, that we may live as your people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O Lord, to hear you speak. Clear our minds of the clutter of worry and distraction that we might focus on your word, your call, and your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

PSALTER

Psalms 119:105-112

Response (UMH #601, refrain)

***R: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.***

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁹ **I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.**

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

***R: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.***

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

And Can It Be

UMH #363

SERMON

Grace upon Grace upon More Grace

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life, Nor angels,
nor principalities Nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him, from Handel's Messiah* Charis Edwards

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

We offer our gifts, O God, as we offer our hearts and our lives. Consecrate them by the power of your Spirit that they may be vessels of love to the world, in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we live and rejoice in the hope of resurrection because you raised Jesus from the dead! Yet in the day-to-day events of our world, we forget. We forget the power of your love, allowing irritation and hate to seep into our hearts. We forget the promise of your presence as we seek to fill our loneliness with things. We forget the gift of your grace as we judge our sisters and brothers harshly. Forgive us. Let your grace remind us to be gracious and forgiving to others, sharing your love in all we do. Send us into the world to feed and tend your sheep, our neighbors. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

COMMUNION HYMN

Become to Us the Living Bread

UMH #630

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING by Rev. Jill Colley Robinson, to the tune *Here I Am, Lord*

UMH #593

God be with you in all love.

Lift your hearts to God above.

It is right and good to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power, God of love

Sing hosanna, Christ has come in God's own name.

**People needing, Spirit leading
Jesus feeding all who come to him.
Bread for tending, cup for mending
Spirit sending us to serve the world**

On the night his life was given

Jesus took the bread of heaven

Thanking God, he broke it all; Remember me.

Then he took the common cup

New forgiveness lifting up

Thanking God, he gave to all; Remember me.

**People needing, Spirit leading
Jesus feeding all who come to him.
Bread for tending, cup for mending
Spirit sending us to serve the world**

We remember God in Christ
Holy, living sacrifice
So like him, in thanks and praise, ourselves we give.

We embrace his mystery
How he died and set us free.
As he rose, he'll come again. In Christ we live.

**People needing, Spirit leading
Jesus feeding all who come to him.
Bread for tending, cup for mending
Spirit sending us to serve the world**

On these gifts of wine and bread
And your people in this place
Pour your Spirit, gift divine, giving us Christ

By the Spirit, make us one
One in Christ to serve the world
That on earth your will be done till Christ shall come.

Now to you, all loving God
Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Be all glory, thanks, and praise forevermore.

**People needing, Spirit leading
Jesus feeding all who come to him.
Bread for tending, cup for mending
Spirit sending us to serve the world.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**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.**

***HYMN**

If It Had Not Been for the Lord

Faith We Sing #2053

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

As We Go

W&S #3183

Our worship has ended; our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Table of Grace Planning– Monday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.
- SPR Meeting – Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Saturday Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. via Zoom

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

## **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 speak with her.

## **COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED**



We need someone to help at Coffee Hour on the third Sunday of each month. You will be working with an experienced host, with directions posted, and all supplies are provided. Please help us maintain this ministry.

See Karen Gierie Newman [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com) Thank you!

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

**ZOOM:**

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