



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVnNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

**\*The YouTube option is no longer available. Please use Zoom instead.**

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

**GATHERING** “Look, Ye Saints, The Sight is Glorious” – Ryan

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** “Come! Come! Everybody Worship” FWS #2271 (VV 1, 3 & 5)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who frees us invites us to worship.

The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

**The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

**The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.**

God is present with us, eager to speak to us.

Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

**The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.**

**God’s decrees are sure, making wise the simple.**

We tremble before God, yet are not afraid.

We are ready to listen to God’s word.

**May our awe before God be pure and enduring.**

**May our thoughts and our works be acceptable to God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77 (VV 1, 2 & 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of your word. Remind us of your ordinances that are true and righteous altogether.

May they shape our living and warn us when we are in error. We seek to honor your name, to divest ourselves of idols, to keep this day of rest and worship. Work with us to develop right relationships in our families and with all your children near and far, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implications for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to**



\*POSTLUDE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

UMH #404 (REFRAIN)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

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

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

October 2023

15<sup>th</sup> – Faustina Gyedu

22<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman

29<sup>th</sup> – Diane Puchta

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

October 2023

15<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

22<sup>nd</sup> – Rita & John

29<sup>th</sup> – 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, 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, October 9th & Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, October 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Blessing of the Animals** – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. Bring your creatures great and small to be blessed. Please have pets on a leash or in a carrier. Stuffed animals are also welcome!
- **Bishop Bickerton’s Visit to LIE District** – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Bickerton, NYAC’s resident bishop, will meet with the clergy & laity of the Long Island East District.

**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.

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