



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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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
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light” – J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “How Majestic Is Your Name” FWS #2023
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God’s holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

God sees and hears our weeping.

God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

We have cried to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

***HYMN** “How Great is Our God” W&S #3003

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let the scales fall from your eyes. God has offered you new sight. Unplug your ears. God is claiming you as a beloved servant. Warm to the community that surrounds you. God has given you sisters and brothers to love. Reach out to feed and care and follow where Christ leads. You are forgiven and claimed and sent.

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.

ANTHEM

"Consider the Lilies" – Stevens
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 30:4-12

***GOSPEL READING**

John 21:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"I Love You, Lord"

FWS #2068 (2X)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Family Prayer Song"
A Hymn for Choir & Congregation

FWS #2188

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend to your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

W&S #3104

***BENEDICTION**

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

May 2025

11th – Danny Gastelua

18th – Lois Muller

25th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

May 2025

11th – Smith/Muller

18th – Sherry & Kathy V.

25th – 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, 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, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

L.I.E. MISSION WALK, SATURDAY, MAY 10, BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK @ 9:30 AM: Each Church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. If you want to join our mission walk, please email to office@farmingdaleumc.org. If you want to support, please write a check to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2025. Please 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.

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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