



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Jeff Smith, Liturgist

GATHERING “Breath from a Bounteous Heaven” – Southbridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” FWS #2153 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.
You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!
Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land.
We seek God’s power and glory in the sanctuary.
Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;
Delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.
Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast.
Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.
God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship.
We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.
We have come to meditate on the living God.
We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.

***HYMN** “We Walk By Faith” FWS #2196 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have been tempted, loving God, to go our own way without reference to eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. We engage in immorality in the name of freedom and become

enslaved by our selfish ambitions. The ground on which we stand is crumbling under our feet. O God, forgive us and grant us a firmer foundation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God grants us strength to overcome temptation and offers us a second chance to produce the fruits of repentance. Receive these gifts from God who is faithful, in covenant with us and all people. Open yourselves to the continued guidance of the Holy One, for God's steadfast love is better than life. God's mercy is abundant; God's provision for us is extravagant. God's ways are higher than our own. Praise God with joyful lips.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Sing Forever to the Lord" - Paige
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 63:1-8

*GOSPEL READING Luke 13:6-9

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396 (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "Fill My Cup, Lord" W&S #3093
A Hymn for Choir & Congregation

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

*HYMN "Jesus Paid It All" W&S #3100 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Jesus Paid It All" W&S #3100 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2025

30th – Sherry Tuscano

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 2025

30th - 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:

- Church Council Meeting – Monday, March 24th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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. Donations may be brought to the Grant Street entrance **Saturday, March 29th from 10 am – 1 p.m.** Please see the flyer for more details.

SHOE DRIVE: SOLES 4 SOULS – Support our Lenten Season Shoe Drive. We are collecting new and gently used shoes to be repurposed for those in need. **Congregation may bring in shoe donations every Sunday through April 20th.** Please see flyer for more information or visit <https://soles4souls.org> to learn how your donation can make a difference.

DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT: **April 25-27, 2025** at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island. Check out the website at www.liedistrict.com/youthretreat or see Shanna Wurth for more information.

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!

LENT 2025 SERVICES SCHEDULE

Easter is Sunday, April 20th. This Lenten season, we may let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, April 13th at 9:30 am
- The North Shore and Central Nassau Coop Parish Meditation Service: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am

2025 LENTEN STUDY

Our 2025 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **March 9th through April 13th**, with a program led by Dr. Robert Carle, former theology professor, on church history. Topics will include the development of The New Testament, the Trinity, the Protestant Reformation, and the rise of Methodism. Meetings will be held after service at **11:00AM** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own snack/ lunch to enjoy during the program. Drinks will be provided. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.

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