



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23rd, 2023**

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
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING “Nearer, Still Nearer” – L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “All Glory, Laud and Honor” UMH #280 (vv. 1, 4, 5)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has searched us and knows us.

God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

God searches out our path and our lying down.

God is acquainted with all our ways.

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it.

God’s hand is ever available to guide us.

Such knowledge is a wonder to us.

It is beyond everything we can attain.

We cannot escape from God’s spirit.

There is nowhere to flee from God’s presence.

Darkness is as light to our God.

God illuminates the way before us.

***OPENING HYMN** “How Great is Our God”

W&S #3003

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We gather with eager longing to know you, ever-present God, and to be known by you. We want to live as your beloved children. Assure us in these moments that you hear our prayers, even as your will is revealed to us. Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope. May every time of encounter move us to awe and fervent worship. Lead us in your way everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search us and test us, that all wickedness may be purged from us, O Creator. Save us from our futile striving after our own advantage. Reshape our will to conform with your intentions for us. We confess that we have allowed weeds to grow in our lives. Our focus has drifted from the harvest you intend to the

fears and greed that hold us hostage. Release us from bondage to decay that we may grow in likeness to Jesus Christ. We want to bear fruit for you. Turn us to the brightness of a new day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If by the Spirit we put to death the misuse of our bodies, we will live. We are set free from bondage to death to claim the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Live in the hope God offers, waiting with patience for all that God will yet reveal. You will shine like the sun in the realm of God, who leads us in the way everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 4:1-5, 10-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-6

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Sanctuary" FWS #2164

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that your Spirit is ever with us, assuring us of your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen.

***HYMN** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

***BENEDICTION**

***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:

July 2023

30th – Sharon Lensky

LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS

July 2023

23rd – Rita and John

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, 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:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 11:00 am

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:

- **July 30th** – GBGM Missionary Reverend John Calhoun will join our service.
- **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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