



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Transfiguration Sunday  
March 2, 2025**

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

**ZOOM:**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025



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

**GATHERING**      “Cleansing Fountain” – Broughton (based on an early American melody)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “He Has Made Me Glad”      FWS #2270 (2X)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together, a community of faith.  
We have gathered to talk and listen to our God.  
**May our faces shine in anticipation.**  
**Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.**  
We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.  
Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.  
**We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.**  
**We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.**  
Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.  
Our failures become opportunities for learning.  
**Let us praise God’s holy name in chorus.**  
**Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!**

**\*HYMN**      “Be Thou My Vision”      UMH #451

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Holy are you, O God of all time and space. Before the vastness of your creation, the earth is as nothing. Yet you have lavished your energies upon it, shaping interdependent systems within systems. The mysterious gift of life is ours to handle with care. You have revealed yourself to us. You have created us for justice and equity. You have drawn us to the mountaintop to commune with you. O God, we are here, waiting for your further revelation. Come to enlighten and empower. 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

**We tremble before you, O God, for we have sinned. You already know what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hear us now as we recognize and admit our actions and inaction in violation of the trust you have placed in us. Enter into our excuses and our pretensions, Holy One, that we may be saved for ministry and mission. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God provides moments of transformation, sacred times when we sense the cleansing power of the Spirit restoring life and energy. We are even now being changed, lifted upon from one degree of glory to another. Believe the good news. Live it. Do not lose heart but embrace your ministry, by the grace of God.

### 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

“His Glory Shines Through” – Martin/arr Elliott  
The Chancel Choir

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

### \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH #349 (2X)

### SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

### CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen” – Ringwald  
The Chancel Choir

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### OFFERTORY SONG

“How Great is Our God”  
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

W&S #3003

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

**Thank you, God, for choosing us to speak for you and to act on your behalf. It is an honor to share with others what you have entrusted to us. Our offerings represent our selves and the depth of our commitment. We rededicate to you the talents, abilities, and resources you have placed in our hands. May we be faithful in our mutual ministry. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

“We Are Called”

FWS #2172 (vv. 1, 2)

### \*BENEDICTION

*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

9<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman

16<sup>th</sup> – Larry Bing

23<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff Smith

30<sup>th</sup> – Sherry Tuscano

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

March 2025

9<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Muller

16<sup>th</sup> – Sherry & Kathy

23<sup>rd</sup> – Rita & John

30<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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Trustee Meeting – To Be Announced
- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER:** Save the Date! **Tuesday, March 4th - 5:00 pm.** Shrove Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. Adults \$6; Children 12 & Under: \$3. See Karen Gierie Newman, Jackie Suwalski or Evelyn Laky for tickets or RSVP to Karen at [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, and Easter is on 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.

- Ashes-To-Go at the church front yard: Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am
- Worship Service: Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm

**LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please click this link for the details:

<http://liedistrict.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=60251&PID=1026316>

## **CHEER AND SYMPATHY**

Do you know someone who needs a little cheer, support, or good wishes in Christ? If so, please reach out to Diane Puchta, who is in charge of Cheer and Sympathy for the United Women in Faith. Diane will send a card to anyone in need. To provide your friend's name, address, or email, please contact Diane at (934) 500-9034 (text or call) or [dmpuchta@gmail.com](mailto:dmpuchta@gmail.com).

## **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**

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- Ash Wednesday Services:
  - Ashes-To-Go at the church front yard: Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am
  - Service: Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm
- 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](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

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