



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024**

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
Faustina Gyedu, Liturgist
Lois Muller, Lay Servant

GATHERING "Be Thou My Vision" – Forrest / arr Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** "He is Lord" UMH #177 (2X)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we live when we have more than enough?

We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.

The earth is our teacher - nurturing and tender.

In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.

Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

***OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Living Word, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love your beloveds. Open our ears to the wisdom of those you send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over all the earth. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life. We read the newspapers, watch the broadcast news and moan about the evil which flourishes in the world. And we wonder, "Where are you, O God?" We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight. We throw our hands up in the air and act as though we are defeated. And we cry, "Why isn't God taking care of all this?" Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else, but chose instead to turn away. Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will. You are with us, Lord. You lead us daily in right paths and offer to us the bread of life. You stand with us in times of trial and in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your abundant love. And then you offer to us a place in your eternal home. How can we doubt your presence? Help us to trust you. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. God will not abandon you. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace. AMEN.

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Somebody Callin' My Name" – Spiritual / arr Goodell
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:16-24

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593 (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON Lois Muller

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Gentle Shepherd" W&S # 3096
The Chancel Choir and Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" UMH #672 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" UMH #672 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

April 2024

28th – Lois Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2024

28th – 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, 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, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Nursery School Meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **L.I.E. Mission Walk, Saturday, May 11th, Belmont Lake State Park @ 9:30 AM**
 - Each church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Bowery Mission, a homeless shelter.
 - How to Support:
 - If you want to join our mission walk, please email to office@farmingdaleumc.org or let Danny Gastelua know of your participation.
 - Visit <https://grouprev.com/MissionWalk2024-FUMC> to send a donation **OR**
 - Write a check to support Mission Walk (Make a check out to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2024)
 - Any Questions? See Danny Gastelua.

- **Twin County Chorus Church Fundraiser – Sunday, May 19th** - Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**. There will be a silent auction and refreshments served. Tickets are \$20 pp; seniors and students are \$15. We need your help to donate new items for the silent auction and/or seek donations from merchants. Any questions please see Jackie Suwalski..

SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP - We are pleased to announce that FUMC will be accepting applications for the 2024 Skip Newman Scholarship. Applicants should be students who are graduating from high school and entering an institution of higher learning.

Please contact the church office to request an application. You may return the application, along with the letter of reference via e-mail to the Church Office at office@farmingdaleumc.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 19, 2024. The awards will be presented on June 19.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth or Danny Gastelua to sign up. The more stands/games we cover, the more money we make.

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!

NOTE: *Pastor Claire Wu will be on vacation April 16th – 25th. For Pastoral emergencies please contact Rev. Iwy Patel-Yatri, 516-931-2626, humc.pastor@verizon.net*

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