



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2023**

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

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

**\*The YouTube option is no longer available. Please use Zoom instead.**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “With All Praises Unite” – Sweelinck / arr. Edwards

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “Shout to the Lord”      FWS #2074  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.  
Do not fear to meet Christ here.

**We have heard the invitation.**

**Our hopes have brought us together.**

The storms of life do not have the last word.

Our faith keeps us from sinking.

**Our doubts lead to greater faith.**

**Our losses open us to greater possibilities.**

Let us call on God’s name and give thanks.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

**We will sing of God’s wonderful works.**

**We will share with others God’s marvelous deeds.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore”      UMH #344 (VV 1, 2, 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe yet know ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others**

rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and service with faithfulness. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

O you of little faith, why do you doubt? Take heart. Do not be afraid. The harsh winds will abate. The sea will not overwhelm. The treachery of some will not wipe out the good God intends. Everyone who calls on God's name will be saved. Remember God's wonderful works and share the good news. Let all humankind praise God. Praise God!

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 40:1-13

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 5:19-30

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Jesus, Draw Me Close" FWS #2159

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "Lord, Here I Am" – Beck  
Madison Milhous, baritone

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

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

**God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-laborers tomorrow also be blessed as ministry. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH #462 (VV 1, 3, 4)

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH #462 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

August 2023

20<sup>th</sup> – Betty Gastelua

27<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Nataro

**LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS:**

August 2023

13<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Powers

20<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

27<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Worship Meeting – Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**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:**

- **January 2024 – NYAC Ten Day Trip to the Holy Land** – please contact the office if you are interested.

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