



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10, 2025**

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
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING

"Trust and Obey" – Towner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

UMH #147 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O God faithful ones.

God has summoned us to this place.

We believe God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

We come as willing and obedient servants.

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.

God calls us as workers for justice.

God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

We are here to be equipped for ministry.

We expect to be empowered for our service.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH #519 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

For the rich heritage we have received from your hand, we are grateful, O God. You have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds. Now we come together, awaiting further instructions from your Word. Teach us here what we need to know in order to live faithfully in this troubled world. Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine, life-changing encounter with you. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Wash yourselves until you are clean. Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, turn from evil to do good. As you share in God's agenda, your sins of scarlet become as pure as new-fallen snow. God is pleased to welcome you into that realm where all are blessed and where true treasures can be found.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 6:25-34

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" FWS# 2146 (vv. 1, 2)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Lamb of God" - Paris FWS #2113 (vv. 1, 2, 3)
Therese Gliemo, alto

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern. We are finding a homeland in your service and we are grateful. Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving for God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations. Amen.

***HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526 (First Part of v. 1)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

August 2025

10th – Diane Puchta

17th – Sharon Lensky

24th – Karen Newman

31st – Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

August 2025

10th – Smith & Muller

17th – Kathy V & Jayme

24th – Rita & John

31st – 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:

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m.
Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting – Monday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.
SPRC Meeting – Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENT:

FUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our summer meeting on Sunday, August 24, 2025, after service, in Fellowship Hall. You may bring a snack or bag lunch, drinks will be provided. We will again work on “Random Niceness”, creating little pieces of joy to leave in random spots to bring a smile to a stranger who may be having a bad day – and how nice is that? See attached flyer for details. Please RSVP to Karen G. Newman. Thank you!

LONG ISLAND DUCKS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Ducks games. This year we will volunteer on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Garry Wurth for more information at garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

DISTRICT EVENT:

MISSION COMMITTEE SLEEPING BAG PROJECT: The L.I.E. district collects sleeping bags in August and September to assist the homeless. Please review the details on the flyer. Any questions? Contact Barbara Flores.

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!

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Church Office Hours: Tuesdays- Thursdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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