



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023**

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
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING “Consecrated, Lord, to Thee” – D.E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah” UMH # 127 (VV 1 & 2)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call on God with praise and thanksgiving.

Tell of God’s wonderful works.

Today we open ourselves to God’s presence.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

When we eat, we are reminded of God’s provision.

When we drink pure water, we give thanks.

Surely God has blessed us with food and drink.

Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face.

We are guided by God’s laws and statutes.

We benefit from God’s generosity.

Let all people worship with joy!

Let all whom God has chosen sing together!

***OPENING HYMN** “How Great is Our God” W&S # 3003

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Glory to your name, holy God. We rejoice in your wonderful works, in miracles you have caused among us, and in the wealth you have entrusted to our stewardship. You have called us to important work in your vineyard.

Wherever we go, we represent your church and interpret your ways to those who observe our words and deeds.

Enfold us in your presence and give us strength and courage to pass on the light you have sent to illuminate our journey thorough life. We are eager to be fed by your Word today. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are people of the flesh more than people of the spirit. Our lives are not worthy of the gospel of Christ. We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy benefit from your generosity. We confess our lack of attention to your laws, your living Word, your prompting Spirit. You alone are our

salvation, our healing, our high opportunity to serve. We choose to belong to you. Accept and change us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has offered us a presence we have not recognized, bread we have ignored, and compassion we have not deserved. The food from heaven is offered to us daily, freely given to all who are open to receive it. Let us rejoice in the moment of God's amazing generosity, opening our lives to the gifts of God, that we might share them with others. Praise God!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "In Every Land Begin the Song" – J. M. Martin
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-13

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH #64 (VV 1 & 2)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Gentle Shepherd" W&S #3096

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Receive our tithes and offerings to your honor and glory, loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure, that your Word, living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with you. May we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** "My Life is in You" FWS #2032 (2X)

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE

“My Life is in You”

FWS #2032 (REFRAIN)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

October 2023

1st – Sharon Lensky

8th – Lois Muller

15th – Faustina Gyedu

22nd – Karen Gierie Newman

29th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

October 2023

1st – Faustina & Vicki

8th – Smith/Muller

15th – Jayme & Diane

22nd – Rita & John

29th - 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, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, October 9 & 16, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUMC Fall Festival – Saturday, October 7th 10 – 4 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 22nd at 11 a.m.

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.

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