

WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sherry Tuscano, Liturgist
Alex Swerdlin, Accompanist

GATHERING

“Give Me Jesus” - Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls together a divine council to render judgment.

God holds a plumb line to measure our faithfulness.

Who can stand before the judgments of God?

How shall we know what God expects of us?

Lift up your prayers for God’s mercy.

Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

Can we distinguish faithfulness from popular success?

What must we do to inherit eternal life?

God’s judgment comes to all nations of the earth.

God’s covenant with us involves care for all people.

Will God deliver us from the hands of the wicked?

Will God put an end to wanton treachery?

*OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH #145 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Almighty God, we tremble with the knowledge that you know all our thoughts and deeds and judge them by your perfect will. Yet we are bold to protest the evil around us that seems to go unpunished. So many innocent and good people die randomly or suffer cruelly. How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? O God, we know this is really your question for us. Help us to take seriously these moments of encounter with you, knowing we can trust you to be just. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we confess our easy compliance with ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves that are unavailable to many. We do not call oppressors to account or recognize our own oppressive ways. We pass by many who suffer, as if their suffering were no concern of ours. Our practice

of the faith gives neither offense nor inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way. Redeem us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are rescued from the shadows of our sinfulness by the grace of Jesus Christ. There is forgiveness for all who accept the gracious gift of a loving God. We open ourselves now to receive anew the gospel in all its power. We will share in the inheritance of the saints as we become good neighbors to the weak and needy, the lonely and destitute, whom God loves along with us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 82:1-8

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Sanctuary" FWS #2164 (Sing 2 Times)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO CHURCH MEMBERS

Pastor:

The church is a family.

United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior,
we are all brothers and sisters.

And, for a time, *Farmingdale UMC* is our home.

Like every human family,
our church family is formed and reformed over time:
as members are born, as they die,
as members are adopted into our family,
and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, *Mark and Sherry Tuscano* have lived with us.

We have shared with each other good times and bad,
we have shared each other's joys and sorrows,
we have lightened each other's heavy loads.

Together we have laughed and cried,
together we have worshiped and praised God,
together we have lived.

Congregation:

**We feel sorrow in your leaving,
yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life.
We will miss your love and support,
yet we know you will add much to the lives**

**of those who will be your new church family,
as you have added much to our lives.**

Congregation and pastor:

We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.

Pastor:

Let us pray:

O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people.

We humbly place in your hands *Mark and Sherry* of this congregation
who are about to leave us.

Keep and preserve them, O Lord,

in all health and safety, both of body and soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you. **Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

W&S #3124

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people
knowledge of God, patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. We would
act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the
mercy you have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all. Amen.**

***HYMN**

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH #374 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH #374 (Refrain Only)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

July 2025

13th – Sherry Tuscano

20th – Betty Gastelua

27th – Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

July 2025

13th – Smith/Muller

20th – Kathy V & Jayme

27th – 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, 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:

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, July 28th at 7 p.m.

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.

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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