

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
Psalm 84:1

Welcome to the

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

21st Sunday after Pentecost

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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music,
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING *At the Name of Jesus,* R. Vaughan Williams

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** *Welcome, v. 1* W&S #3152

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
People of God, come. Come to hear God's word.
Our ears are open; our hearts are longing for a word of hope.
Disciples of Christ, come. Come to experience God's love.
We are loved, blessed, and full of joy to be here.
Followers of the Way, come. Come to be transformed by the Spirit.
We lay our souls bare to be touched by the power of God here in this place.
We will sing and praise and worship and rejoice.

***HYMN** *Gather Us In* TFWS #2236

***INVOCATION**
How lovely is your house, O God, this place where we gather to praise your holy name! Gather us into your loving arms, fill us with your gracious word, give us courage to forgive, and send us forth into the world to serve in your name. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Open our ears, O Lord, to hear you speak. Clear our minds of the clutter of worry and distraction that we might focus on your word, your call, and your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 6:1, 11-14, 37-38

CHANGE THE WORLD

PSALTER Psalm 84 UMH #804

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

ANTHEM *Alleluia*, Harris

***GOSPEL READING** John 1:1-5, 14
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* UMH #540

SERMON *Being Here for the Gospel*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version* UMH #882

PRAYER HYMN *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely* TFWS #2042
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SILENT PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY *In Praise of God,* G. Young
***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**
We offer our gifts, O God, as we offer our hearts and our lives. Consecrate them by the power of your Spirit that they may be vessels of love to the world, in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH #529

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *God Be with You till We Meet Again, v.1* UMH #672

Our worship has ended; our service begins.
(*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

WELCOME, VISITORS!
Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room To the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to Share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:00pm
- SPR Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:30pm
- Ad Council Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7:00pm

LECTORS
Oct 18. Betty Gastelua
Oct 25. Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Oct 18. Amanda & Kathy

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 speak with her.

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Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735



Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember all those who have died in the past year. Use the form below, or simply send a note or an email to the Pastor, to list friends, family or heroes whom you would like to include on our All Saints list. Please include the date of death, if known.

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026

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Name

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Date of death
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