



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Confirmation Sunday
May 12, 2024**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Confirmation Sunday

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Faustina Gyedu, Liturgist

GATHERING “Covenant of Motherhood” – Saxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “This Little Light of Mine” UMH #585 (vv. 1-3)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

***OPENING HYMN** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557 (vv. 1-4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Appear to us again, risen Savior, for we have lost sight of you. We have come to find you here so we may recognize you among all who suffer. We seek wisdom and revelation to cope with the confusion we face every day amid competing claims. We are here to remember the authority with which you spoke so we may walk amid the rulers of our day, speaking in Christ’s name. We who seek to be your body, the church, need the eyes of our hearts enlightened so we may once more embrace hope and know your joy. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, it is hard for us to wait for anything. We want instant answers and immediate gratifications of our desires. We are more acquisitive than grateful. We forget the amazing riches of your gifts to us and only want more. We do not take time simply to enjoy being in your presence, singing your praises, delighting in your love. Forgive us for our arrogant, selfish pride and our neglect of values and relationships that would supply all we really need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is yours to receive and to proclaim to all nations. The power of God at work in Christ, is offered to us; the power of love to make a difference among us. Let us give thanks that we are restored as sons and daughters of the Living God who promises to us the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

HYMN FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

W&S #3104

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Danielle Marie Iuliucci-Hansen

Maria D. Flores

Anna Edita Carle

Jazmyne Elly Muller

CONFIRMATION LITURGY (The Baptismal Covenant 1)

UMH #33

ANTHEM

“Healer of My Soul” – Talbot

The Chancel Choir; Erica Hamill, mezzo-soprano; Alex Swerdlin, clarinetist

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 22:36-40

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Sanctuary”

FWS #2164

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen” – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY ^[1]

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“O Lord, Most Holy” - Franck
Barbara Grabowski-Schmidt, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

May our offerings leave no doubt that you are head of our church and the inspiration for our lives. Empower our ministries with the fullness of Christ that we may be inclusive in our outreach and effective as teachers and healers. Help us to find joy in our praying and in our serving. For these purposes and to the glory of your name, we dedicate our money and our lives. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

***BENEDICTION**

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you ever can.

***POSTLUDE**

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

v. 1 (2x)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

May 2024

19th – Betty Gastelua

26th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

May 2024

19th – Jayme & Diane

26th – 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 and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Twin County Chorus Church Fundraiser – Sunday, May 19th** - Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**. There will be a silent auction and refreshments served. Tickets are \$20 pp; seniors and students are \$15. We need your help to donate new items for the silent auction and/or seek donations from merchants. Any questions please see Jackie Suwalski..

SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP - We are pleased to announce that FUMC will be accepting applications for the 2024 Skip Newman Scholarship. Applicants should be students who are graduating from high school and entering an institution of higher learning. Please contact the church office to request an application. You may return the application, along with the letter of reference via e-mail to the Church Office at office@farmingdaleumc.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 19, 2024. The awards will be presented on June 19.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT – The 2023 Annual Report is now available. Copies are located on the Welcome Table.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth or Danny Gastelua to sign up. The more stands/games we cover, the more money we make.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

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 – 1:00 pm

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