



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025



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

GATHERING “Alone” – Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Blessed be the Name of the Lord” FWS #2034 (vv. 1, 2)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;
Wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
Watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.

We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
Enter to praise God’s marvelous works.

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.

***HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH #278 (vv. 1, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, “Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus’ compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God contends with us in our fears, identifies our rebellion, and transforms our contrition into courage. Our Creator does not give up on us when we are discouraged or reject us when our pretensions get out of hand. God, who exalted Jesus, is ready to forgive and lift us up. Christ walks with us on the way of faithfulness, empowering us to become the disciples we are called to be.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 19:28-40

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A CHORAL PROGRAM OF MUSIC AND NARRATION BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Narration: Diane Puchta

Anthem: "Behold, the King of Zion Comes"

Narration: Madison Milhous

Anthem: "From an Upper Room"

Narration: Mary Makosky

Anthem: "Scenes from Gethsemane"

Narration: David Majoros

Anthem: "Tableau of Sorrow"

The Chancel Choir:

Eliot Bih	Mary Makosky
Caleb Carle	Sharon Lensky
Rita Coughlin	Madison Milhous
Matthew Collorafi	Conor Muldoon
Therese Glielmo	Diane Puchta
Barbara Grabowski Schmidt	Kathleen Vecchione
Erica Hamill	Lisa Yasinov
Harrison King	

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"Pie Jesu" - Webber

Mother-Daughter Duet

Barbara Grabowski Schmidt, soprano & Erica Hamill, mezzo-soprano

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

FWS #2113

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

"Lamb of God"

FWS # 2113 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**April 202520th – John Muller27th – Faustina Gyedu**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**April 202520th – Sherry & Kathy27th – 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:**

- Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 28th at 7 p.m.
- Nursery School Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHOE DRIVE: SOLES 4 SOULS – Support our Lenten Season Shoe Drive. We are collecting new and gently used shoes to be repurposed for those in need. **Congregation may bring in shoe donations every Sunday through April 20th.** Please see flyer for more information or visit <https://soles4souls.org> to learn how your donation can make a difference.

DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT: April 25-27, 2025 at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island. Check out the website at www.liedistrict.com/youthretreat or see Shanna Wurth for more information.

RETREAT MISSION PROJECT The Mission Project for the youth Quinipet Retreat is a collection of comfort items for children to be given while being transported in ambulances or waiting in hospital emergency

rooms. Collection items include small toys, cars, figurines, coloring/activity books, new/gently used books, crayons, colored pencils, playing cards, craft kits and new small plush animals, socks and pajama sets (birth-18 years). Donations may be made April 13th and April 20th.

BLESSINGS IN THE AFTERNOON – GOSPEL SINGING AND PRAISE AT FARMINGDALE

GAZEBO: SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT 4 PM. This event is hosted by 9 United Methodist churches in the North Shore and Central Nassau parish in Long Island East District and is mainly hosted by Farmingdale UMC. Please find the flyer and invite your friends. Let us sing together with the community to praise God at the Gazebo.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth for more information.

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!

LENT 2025 SERVICES SCHEDULE

Easter is Sunday, April 20th. This Lenten season, we may let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- The North Shore and Central Nassau Coop Parish Meditation Service: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am

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