



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for 9/11 Remembrance Service
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

9/11 Remembrance Service

GATHERING

"In Remembrance" - Red

(The congregation will gather in silence, using this time for meditation and preparation for worship, respecting those who value this time of prayer.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

UMH #262 (verses 1, 3, 4)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

GREETING

On the morning of September 11, 2001,

2,976 people from 93 nations lost their lives in New York, at the Pentagon, and on Flight 93.

Today, twenty-four years on, we pause to remember that moment of horror and pray for those left scarred by those terrible events.

We remember the first time we heard the news.

We recall the first time we saw those images.

We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with those families who lost loved ones.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

O God of Comfort – twenty-four years have passed.

**Yesterday, today and forever;
let Your love and peace endure.**

We remember those who survived.

We recall their heart-breaking stories.

We remember that their lives are forever scarred by those moments.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

O God of Healing - twenty-four years have passed.

**Yesterday, today and forever;
let Your love and peace endure.**

We remember the pain we felt.

We recall the bereavement and bitterness of the aftermath.

We remember that You are a God of redemption and restoration.

Help us forgive those who caused so much trauma, and that we may find release in that forgiveness.

O God of forgiveness - twenty-four years have passed.

**Yesterday, today and forever;
let Your love and peace endure.**

We remember that You love the world.
We recall you sent Your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation.
We remember Your Spirit inhabits Your Church.
Help us bring Your comfort and peace to all.

O God of hope - twenty-four years have passed.

**Yesterday, today and forever;
let Your love and peace endure.**

HYMN “We Cannot Measure How You Heal” W&S #3139 (verses 1, 3)

NAMING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

(A bell rings and a candle is lit on the altar after each group is named)

We remember, and welcome to our circle this morning, those who died
aboard American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston bound for Los Angeles
aboard United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston bound for Los Angeles
aboard American Airlines flight 77 from Washington bound for Los Angeles
aboard United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark bound for San Francisco

We remember, and welcome to our circle this morning, those who died
in the North Tower of the World Trade Center in the South Tower of the World Trade Center
in the Pentagon

We remember, and welcome to our circle this morning, those who died
serving as Firefighters
serving as Police Officers
serving as Emergency Response Workers

PRAYER

O God, giver of life and conqueror of death, our help in every time of trouble, we trust that You grant eternal rest unto those who were killed on this day twenty-four years ago. Let Your perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord. May their souls of all the departed rest in peace. And may their families find Your grace, strength and sure hope of eternal life. Through the mercy of God; Amen.

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 27:7-8, 31:9-10, 121:1-8

PRAYER

Compassionate God,
Hear our cry for your help.
In our weakness, give us strength.
In our pain, give us healing.

In our doubt, restore our faith.
We pray this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(The congregation will be invited to offer spoken prayers and petitions.)

RESPONSE

Almighty God, in Your keeping there is shelter from the storm, and in Your mercy there is comfort for the sorrows of life. Hear now our prayer for those who mourn and are heavy laden. Give to them strength to bear and do Your will. Lighten their darkness with Your love. Enable them to see beyond the things of this mortal world the promise of the eternal. Help them to know that Your care enfolds all Your people, that You are our refuge and strength, and that underneath are Your everlasting arms. Amen.

(from the United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 164)

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:13-35

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH #170 (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves to accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation to joyous involvement in our Creator's "wonderful works to humankind."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal #13

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #629 (vv. 1,2,5)

Congregational Hymn

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you

have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor.
Amen.

*HYMN

“Song of Hope”

FWS #2186

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“People Need the Lord”

FWS #2244

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

September

14th – Danny Gastelua

21st – Jeff Smith

28th – Diane Pucha

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

September

No coffee hour today

14th – Smith & Muller

21st – Kathy V & Jayme

28th – 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:

- **Finance Meeting:** Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Cooking Ministry:** Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Nomination Meeting:** Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENT:

- **Blessing of Backpacks:** September 14 at 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the front yard of the church. All students are welcome.
- **Rally Sunday and Church Barbeque:** September 21. Please join us for our 9:30 service. All are welcome.

JOIN US FOR THE FUMC MINISTRY FAIR - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

You're invited to an exciting day of connection, discovery, and service! On Sunday, September 28, each Committee Chair at FUMC will host a Ministry Fair where you can explore the many committees and ministries that help our church family thrive. Come meet ministry leaders, ask questions, and find opportunities to share the gifts God has given you. Whether you're curious about getting involved in a new way or just want to learn more about what's happening in our church, this Ministry Fair is a great place to start. We look forward to seeing you there and walking together in service, fellowship, and faith.

2025 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

- **Church Conference** - Sunday, October 5th At 3:30 P.M.
- **Parish Celebrations and Worship** - Date and Time To Be Announced
- **Church Conference Reports** – Committee Chairs of Nomination, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Membership, Pastor, and Lay Servants, kindly submit your reports to the office by Sunday, September 21st. If you have trouble finding your conference forms to report, please ask the Church Office.

DISTRICT EVENT:

Mission Committee Sleeping Bag Project: The L.I.E. district collects sleeping bags in August and September to assist the homeless. Please review the details on the flyer. Questions? Contact Barbara Flores.

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: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For a link to view the service via on-line please visit www.farmingdaleumc.org