



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
6th Sunday of Easter  
May 14th, 2023**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVnNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**GATHERING**      “Consecrated, Lord, to Thee” – D.E. Wagner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”      UMH #152 (vv 1 & 3)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of heaven and earth calls us together.  
We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

**There is so much we do not know or understand.**

**So much of God is unknown to us.**

Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship.  
Our attention is easily diverted from God.

**We want to worship the one who gives us breath.**

**We reach for the Reality beyond our knowing.**

In God we live and move and have our being.  
All that we have and are comes from God.

**God is not limited to shrines made by us.**

**God is everywhere present in the whole universe.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Step by Step”      W&S #3004

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Let the sound of praising you be heard among us today, and in all the places of your dominion, O God. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. Shake us out of complacency and our cherished inequities. Hold us in your steadfast love and call forth within us an awareness of all your blessings. Stimulate among us an eagerness to live as you intend. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

You are not left to struggle alone. You have an Advocate who is always with you. You are not rejected. God hears your prayers and offers you steadfast love in all circumstances. Do not be afraid to hope, and to share that hope with others around you. Claim God's gifts of reverence and gentleness as you testify to the resurrection. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**PRAYER HYMN** "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH #380 (vv 1, 2 & 5)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ANTHEM** "Come with Shouting" - Newton  
The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 31:10-31

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 14:15-21

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Sanctuary" FWS #2164

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"  
The Chancel Choir & Congregation W&S #3148

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**May all that we give today be used to express your love among us and beyond us, God of all people. We are thankful for your gift to us in Christ Jesus, who was so committed to sharing your love that he risked rejection and death. We are grateful that even though his suffering resulted in death in the flesh you made him alive in the spirit. May Christ live today in us, in our caring, in our giving, in our speaking, in our doing. We rededicate ourselves to your service. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

**OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:**

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

May 2023

21st – Sharon Lensky

28<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

5/14/23 – Smith/Andrews

5/21/23 – Jayme and Diane

5/28/23 – Rita and 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Worship Meeting – Thursday, 5/18/23 at 6:30 pm

Church Council – Monday, 5/22/23/ at 7:00 pm

**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.

**WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY**

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!

**“VISION BEARERS”: LEADING INTO CHANGE FOR A NEW FUTURE AND RENEWING EXISTING CONGREGATIONS**

FUMC is looking for volunteers to join the "Vision Bearers." The group will explore ideas as we plan for the future of the church in our community. Our main goal is “Go into all the community and preach the gospel to every person we meet and make God's love real.” We will dream together, study, vision-process, and plan and implement the strategies to connect and invite our neighbors to share Christ's love. All are welcome. Anyone interested in joining this project team should contact Pastor Claire by Sunday, May 21.

**SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

We are pleased to announce that FUMC will be accepting applications for the 2023 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org). The deadline for receipt of applications is May 26, 2023.

**EVENTS:**

- **Spring Into Action - Clean Up at Camp Quinipet** - May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>. All ages are invited to attend. See flyer on bulletin board, and contact Shanna Wurth if you are interested in attending.

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Church Office Hours: Tuesdays- Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

For a link to view the service via on-line please visit [www.farmingdaleumc.org](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org)