



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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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
Lois Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” – Hayes/arr Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“He Has Made Me Glad”

FWS #2270 (2X)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus.

Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

We will worship the Almighty and sing praises.

We will proclaim good news to others.

Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us.

We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

We seek to let God’s love be perfected in us.

Remember that you have been baptized.

God claims you and has high expectations of you.

Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.

*OPENING HYMN

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131 (vv. 1, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Open our sense to your direction, amazing God, so we may be alert to opportunities you give us. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning for their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. There is much in life that we do not understand. We seek to know your Word and to be led by it. Recall us to the vows of our baptism, reconfirming in us the covenant promises that link us to you and to one another. As we meet you here, our hearts are lifted up in praise. May our worship glorify your name and be pleasing to you. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live in bold generosity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

There is good news for all who sincerely repent and seek a living, growing relationship with God. Those who are open to the gift of God's love are blessed with the capacity to extend love to others and thus experience the depth and riches of life that God intends for us. When we love one another, God's love is perfected in us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice" – Vivaldi/arr Hopson
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Jesus, Draw Me Close" FWS #2159

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Covenant Prayer" W&S# 3115
The Chancel Choir and Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgement has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need to seek to abide together in your love. Amen.

***HYMN** "Cry of My Heart" FWS #2165

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Cry of My Heart" FWS #2165 (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 2024

TBD

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

May 2024

5th – Faustina & Vicki

12th – Smith/Muller

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

Nursery School Meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **L.I.E. Mission Walk, Saturday, May 11th, Belmont Lake State Park @ 9:30 AM**
 - Each church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Bowery Mission, a homeless shelter.
 - How to Support:
 - If you want to join our mission walk, please email to office@farmingdaleumc.org or let Danny Gastelua know of your participation.
 - Visit <https://grouprev.com/MissionWalk2024-FUMC> to send a donation **OR**
 - Write a check to support Mission Walk (Make a check out to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2024)
 - Any Questions? See Danny Gastelua.

- **Confirmation Sunday, May 12th** – We are excited to celebrate confirmation with our confirmands, Sunday, May 12th. Please keep our confirmands - Danielle Marie Iuliuicci-Hansen, Maria D. Flores, Anna Edita Carle, Jazymyne Elly Muller - in your prayers.

- **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.

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

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