



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
7th Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Faustina Gyedu, Liturgist

GATHERING “The Lone, Wild Bird” – from Walker’s Southern Harmony (1835)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” UMH #363 (vv. 1, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clap your hands, all you people of God.

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

God reigns among us and far beyond us.

We celebrate the immeasurable greatness of God!

We are called to be witnessing people.

Testify, then, to God’s loving purpose in Jesus Christ.

Christ is head over all things for the church.

We celebrate Christ’s resurrection and ascension.

Worship with eager anticipation of empowerment.

Give thanks for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

This is a day for revelation and renewal.

We await the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN** “By Grace We Have Been Saved” W&S #3110 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Most high God, Ruler of all worlds, Mother and Father of glory, we seek to know you more fully in this time of worship. Reveal yourself to us here. Grant us knowledge beyond words, a presence that transcends description, a hope that empowers faithful service. With your praise on our lips, we reach out with longing hearts to know the power of the Spirit which you have promised to the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are judge over all things. That strikes terror within us when we realize how poorly our church has lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have been more interest in institutional survival than in proclamation of the gospel, more attentive to numbers than to individuals, more eager to speak than to listen. What is true for all of us together is also true for most of us individually. We do not seek or accept your daily guidance. Our witness to Jesus Christ is a pale reflection of the joy expressed by the early disciples. Forgive our pretenses. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Repentance opens the way for forgiveness. God is restoring all who are truly penitent. Drink from the streams of living water. Receive the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may forgive as you have been forgiven.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE 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

ANTHEM

**"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" – Hatch, Alexander and Naish
The Chancel Choir**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:1-6, 13-22

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 12:13-21

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "It Is Well With My Soul"

UMH #377 (vv. 1, 4)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Alexander Swerdlin, tenor

FWS #2146

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, we give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into parts of the world that have not experienced the good news. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. Amen.

***HYMN** "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

UMH #569 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”

UMH # 569 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

June 2025

8th – Betty Gastelua

15th – Diane Puchta

22nd – Larry Bing

25th – John Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

June 2025

8th – Smith/Muller

15th – Sherry & Kathy V.

22nd - Rita & John

25th – UWF

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:

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, June 23rd at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Calling All Yard Sale Enthusiasts!!! – FUMC will be holding a yard sale on **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Come check out the huge variety of new, used & *VINTAGE* items! Volunteers are needed! Thank you!

FAVORITE HYMNS & PRAISES: We will be singing everyone’s favorite Hymns and Praises during July and August. Please email the church office at office@farmingdaleumc.org with your favorites by Sunday, June 29th.

SOLES4SOULS SHOE PACKING: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Thank you for your shoe donations!

We’ve gathered nearly 250 pairs. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack the shoes for “Soles4Souls.” Packing will take place **today, after the worship service.**

LONG ISLAND DUCKS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Ducks games. This year we will volunteer on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Garry Wurth for more information at garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

New York Annual Conference, Stamford, CT – June 5th – 8th – Pastor Claire Wu and Lay delegate Lois Muller will attend the conference. Please pray for all conference attendees.

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