



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - Kreutz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

FWS #2088 (sing 2 times)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God; cry out to God, our helper.

Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

It is God who led our ancestors through hard times.

It is God who leads us through difficult days.

God will not leave us or forsake us.

God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

God fills our mouths with good things.

God offers us fountains of living water.

Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will.

Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

We will delight in the commandments of our God.

We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.

*OPENING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

FWS #2223 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Gracious God, our helper, we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship. We have come to listen and to receive your counsel. Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will. Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives, that we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us, and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you, the source of living water. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are those who fear God, who delights in God's commandments. It is well with those who deal generously with others, conduct their affairs with justice, and care for the poor. When we listen to God, the enemies within and around us are subdued and we can walk with confidence into each new day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:7-14

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH #474 (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" - Wolfe

Diane Puchta, alto

The Congregation may sing along on the Refrain.

*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

"Blessed Be the Name of The Lord"

FWS #2034

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Blessed Be the Name of The Lord"

FWS #2034 (v.1 first part)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

August 2025

31st – Betty Gastelua

September

7th – Karen Gierie Newman

14th – Danny Gastelua

21st – Jeff Smith

28th – Diane Pucha

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

August 2025

31st – UWF

September

7th – Vicki & Annemarie

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Trustee Meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m.
- SPRC Meeting on Thursday, September 4 at 7 p.m.
- 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:

- September 7 – 9/11 Remembrance Service
- September 14 - Blessing of Backpacks at 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the front yard of the church. All students are welcome.
- September 21 – Rally Sunday and Church Barbeque. Please join us for our 9:30 service. All are welcome.

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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