



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Passion/Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



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

GATHERING “Ride On, King Jesus! Ride On! – L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “The King of Glory Comes” FWS #2091
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to prepare yourselves for this trying week.

Watch and pray with One who was betrayed.

Our times are in God’s hands.

Surely God will deliver us from this terror.

Awake from your sleep; God is asking for your best.

Remain alert; much will be required of you.

We want to be faithful in our work and witness.

We seek to honor Christ in worship and service.

God offers you the tongue of a teacher.

God sustains you with the strength of Christ

We will listen for God’s word.

We will speak on behalf of justice and truth.

***OPENING HYMN** “Hosanna! Hosanna!” FWS #2109

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

We come before you with good intentions, gracious God, but our lives are full of sorrow and distress. In our suffering, we cry out to you. From the misery of rejection and failure and brokenness, we turn to you. In humility, we empty ourselves of the problems that so often overwhelm, that we might see the Christ. Draw us near to the cross to experiences the confident witness of our Savior, find the strength to live as forgiving people, and catch a vision that looks beyond our own situation to the greater needs of our sisters and brothers. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before you. Too often, our actions have shouted, “Crucify!” Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting promises seem momentarily attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has witnessed your tears of remorse. Your sins are forgiven. Your past is wiped clean. With courage and confidence, take up the cross of Christ. Help to carry the burden of the world’s sin. What you do for others is not done alone. Christ is with you to strengthen your shoulders and your voices, to deliver you from enemies and persecutors, to raise you up to new life. Trust God, whose help is ever available.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

***GOSPEL READING** John 12:12-16

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTATA PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR:

“The Covenant of Grace” – J.M. Martin

Narration: Sharon Lensky

Choir: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Narration: Mary Makosky

Choir: “An Invitation to Grace” with soloist, Conor Muldoon, baritone

Narration: Diane Puchta

Choir: “Cry of the Crucifixion”

Underscore with Narration: Erica Hamill

Choir: “Here is Love”

Narration: Erica Hamill

Choir: “We are God’s People”

The Chancel Choir:

Caleb Carle
Rita Coughlin
Therese Glielmo
Barbara Grabowski
Erica Hamill
Sharon Lensky

Mary Makosky
Madison Milhous
Conor Muldoon
Diane Puchta
Alex Swerdlin
Kathleen Vecchione

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“Who is He”

W&S #3082

The Chancel Choir & Congregation

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

God of extravagant generosity, we bring costly sacrifices to honor you. Our gifts are a measure of our devotion. May they communicate good news to the world, not as a faint whimper, but as a rousing proclamation. May they sustain the weary and witness to unbelievers. May the act of giving increase our own devotion even as it opens new possibilities for neighbors we have not yet met. Amen.

*HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

UMH #280 (vv. 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “King of Kings”

FWS #2075 (3X)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand if you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2024

28th – Holy Thursday 7 pm – Danny Gastelua

29th – Good Friday 7 pm – Karen Gierie Newman

31st – Easter Sunday – Sherry Tuscano

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 2024

31st - 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, 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

Church Council Meeting – Monday, March 25th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Holy Tuesday - Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service – Tuesday, March 26th** – Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5th-7th** – Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details
- **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.

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!

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.

LENT 2024 SERVICES: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES -

- The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service: Tuesday, March 26 at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am
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There will be a Special Easter Sunday Coffee Hour with holiday treats, egg hunt and great fellowship!
Please join us!

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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