



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025**

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
Danny Gastelua, Liturgist
Robert Carle, Speaker

GATHERING

“Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day” – Philippine Folk Melody/ arr Asuncion

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

FWS #2037 (vv. 1, 2)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;
God is calling us; God has called us together.

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

God is eager to put loving arms around us.

God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

God fills the hungry with good things.

Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.

Set your minds on things that are above.

Put to death your earthly disobedience.

God leads us to a new identity, to new life.

We seek renewed in the image of our Creator.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Great Is Our God”

W&S #3003 (vv. 1, 2)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves to accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation to joyous involvement in our Creator's "wonderful works to humankind."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal #13

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 12:13-34

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Holy Ground"

FWS #2272 (Sing 2 times)

SERMON

Robert Carle, Speaker

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" – O'Hara
Barbara Grabowski-Schmidt, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess to causes far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "larger barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

UMH #575 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

UMH #575 (Refrain Only)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

August 2025

3rd – Danny Gastelua

10th – Diane Pucha

17th – Sharon Lensky

24th – Karen Newman

31st – Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

August 2025

3rd – Vicki & TBA

10th – Smith & Muller

17th – Kathy V & Jayme

24th – Rita & John

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, 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:

SPRC Meeting – Monday, August 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 6th at 7 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENT:

FUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our summer meeting on Sunday, August 24, 2025, after service, in Fellowship Hall. You may bring a snack or bag lunch, drinks will be provided. We will again work on “Random Niceness”, creating little pieces of joy to leave in random spots to bring a smile to a stranger who may be having a bad day – and how nice is that? See attached flyer for details. Please RSVP to Karen G. Newman. Thank you!

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.

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 – 12:00 pm

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