



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Mother's Day  
May 11, 2025**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother's Day  
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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Danny Gastelua, Liturgist

**GATHERING** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - Pachelbel

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** "Maker, in Whom We Live" UMH #88 (vv. 1 & 3)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;  
Come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.  
**God awakens us and restores our souls.**  
**Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**  
The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.  
We are invited to a higher quality of life.  
**We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.**  
**God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**  
Come to drink from springs of living water.  
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.  
**Surely God will guide our search for truth.**  
**We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "We're Marching to Zion" UMH #733 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with the present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, do you hear us? Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the silence, there is presence too deep for words. The works of God surround us even now, bearing witness to an unseen hand. Multitudes of people from every nation and time join in chorus; "Salvation belongs to our God!" The shepherd will guide us to springs of living water, and our tears will be wiped away. We are freed to live boldly and courageously, through Christ!

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ANTHEM** "Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord" – Besig  
The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 31:10-31

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 15:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" W&S #3148

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen" – Ringwald  
The Chancel Choir

## **A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY <sup>[1]</sup>**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for my mother!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

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## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **OFFERTORY**

“In This Very Room” - Harris  
Sharon Lensky, soprano

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

### **\*HYMN**

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

FWS #2034 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

FWS #2034 (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 2025

18<sup>th</sup> – Lois Muller

25<sup>th</sup> – Diane Puchta

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

May 2025

18<sup>th</sup> – Sherry & Kathy V.

25<sup>th</sup> – 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.



### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**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](mailto:garrywurth@gmail.com) or 516-524-2530.

**FOOD DRIVE: LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS** – Help us help those in need! We are gathering toiletries, non-perishable food, and household items for LICH. Please see the flyer for a list of items needed or scan QR code below to shop via Amazon wish list and have donations shipped directly to LICH.



Shop our Amazon list, and your  
donation ships straight to us!

### **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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