



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 25th, 2023**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

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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  
Dr. Robert Carle, Lay Speaker  
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” – Kendall

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “We Will Glorify the King of Kings”      FWS # 2087 (vv. 1 & 4)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, nations of the earth, to bow before God.

Distant galaxies proclaim the Creator of all things.

**We are humbled by the wonders of creation.**

**We are amazed by God’s mighty works.**

This infinite God cares for each one of us.

God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

**In our days of trouble, we call on our God.**

**We are confident that God listens and answers.**

Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanks.

Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

**God cares for us, even when others reject us.**

**We gather to glorify God’s name.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Alleluia, Alleluia”      UMH # 162 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

Holy God, come to us in our distress. We are weary of conflict and long for your healing waters of forgiveness and renewal. You have sent us a teacher to draw us into discipleship, and we have found fulfillment when we are faithful to Christ’s call. We long to find peace as we serve, but more often we encounter a sword. Our disagreements are many, and our capacity to forgive is strained. Send your light that we might not falter in our caring and in the proclamation of your good news. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debts so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness. How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? O God, we want to be dead to sin and alive to you. Help us! Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we are lifted up to walk in newness of life, accepted and forgiven. You can never be your old self again, for Christ has set you free. Old divisions and misunderstandings are overcome in the steadfast love of God. All who give up their self-occupied ways for Christ's sake find abundant life. This is God's gift to you today.

**PRAYER HYMN** "Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" FWS # 2139 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 21:8-21

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 10:24-39

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" FWS # 2158 (v. 1)

**SERMON** Dr. Robert Carle

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen, Amen" UMH # 897

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" FWS # 2151

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH # 95

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**For all the great and wondrous things you have done for us, O God, we are grateful. You give us strength to go on when we are troubled and discouraged. You grant newness of life as we share in Christ's resurrection. We want to pass on the good news through this offering by the way we live each day. Lead us and guide us in your steadfast love, that we might channel your gift to all we meet. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" FWS # 2129

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" FWS # 2129 (v. 1)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

July 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> – Debbie Cala  
9<sup>th</sup> – Mary Ann Nataro  
16<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Diane Puchta  
30<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky

**LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS**

June 2023

25<sup>th</sup> – Rita and John

July 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> – Faustina & Vicki  
9<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Andrews

**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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Church Council – Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Vision Bearers Meeting - Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 11:00 am

**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.

**WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY**

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) with your favorites by Sunday, June 25th.

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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](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org)