



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025**

---

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

**ZOOM:**

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

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

---



**whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God does not cast us off or forsake us but is with us in our suffering and adversity. Even when we live as enemies of the cross, the God of Jesus Christ does not give up on us. Surely there is shelter for us in the midst of our troubles and forgiveness when we have gone our own way. Lift up your eyes to behold God's promises. Praise God with songs and shouts of joy.

### **CHANGE THE WORLD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**ANTHEM** "Come With Shouting" - Nolan  
The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 27

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:31-35

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Holy Ground" FWS #2272 (2X)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen" - Ringwald

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

**OFFERTORY SONG** "The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young" UMH #118  
A Hymn for Choir & Congregation

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

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

**In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" FWS #2173

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" FWS #2173 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

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

### **UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

March 2025

23<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff Smith

30<sup>th</sup> – Sherry Tuscano

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

March 2025

23<sup>rd</sup> – Rita & John

30<sup>th</sup> - 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:**

- Nursery School Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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. Donations may be brought to the Grant Street entrance **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 p.m.** Please see the flyer for more details.

**SHOE DRIVE: SOLES 4 SOULS** – Support our Lenten Season Shoe Drive. We are collecting new and gently used shoes to be repurposed for those in need. **Community drop-off day is Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> between 10 – 1 p.m.** Congregation may bring in shoe donations every Sunday through April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer for more information or visit <https://soles4souls.org> to learn how your donation can make a difference.

**DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT: April 25-27, 2025** at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island. Check out the website at [www.liedistrict.com/youthretreat](http://www.liedistrict.com/youthretreat) or see Shanna Wurth for more information.

### **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!

## **LENT 2025 SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Easter is Sunday, April 20th. This Lenten season, we may let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, April 13th at 9:30 am
- The North Shore and Central Nassau Coop Parish Meditation Service: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am

## **2025 LENTEN STUDY**

Our 2025 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **March 9th through April 13th**, with a program led by Dr. Robert Carle, former theology professor, on church history. Topics will include the development of The New Testament, the Trinity, the Protestant Reformation, and the rise of Methodism. Meetings will be held after service at **11:00AM** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own snack/ lunch to enjoy during the program. Drinks will be provided. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com).

**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**407 Main Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735**

**(516) 694-3424 • Website: [www.farmingdaleumc.org](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org) Email: [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org)**

**For a link to view the service via on-line please visit [www.farmingdaleumc.org](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org)**