



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 27, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Lois Muller, Liturgist
Shanna Wurth, Lay Speaker

GATHERING

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" – Bradbury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"Spirit Song"
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

UMH #347 (vv. 1, 2)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.

When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.

When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

UMH #344 (vv. 1 - 4)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

Shanna Wurth

INVOCATION

When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and growth. Lord, may this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to Your call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us so that our lives will be transformed and we can share your love and grace with others.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you call us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, God of our salvation. Open our hearts to our siblings all around us. Open our minds to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Receive the good news, my friends. Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom. In Christ, we become new people. We are forgiven, restored and transformed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Shanna Wurth

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:2-10

***GOSPEL READING** John 1:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UHM#349

SERMON Grace

Shanna Wurth, Lay Speaker

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH #384 (vv. 1 - 4)

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

W&S #3104

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

W&S #3104 (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:

July 2025

27th – Lois Muller

August 2025

3rd – Danny Gastelua

10th – Diane Pucha

17th – Sharon Lensky

24th – Karen Newman

31st – Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

July 2025

27th – Rita & John

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:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, July 28th at 7 p.m.

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

Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, August 5th at 7 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 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!

Note: Pastor Claire Wu will be on vacation from July 21 to August 2. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Heejo Lee, serving at East Meadow UMC, at 516-669-4785 or Heejo.Lee@nyac-umc.com.

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