



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024**

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
Lois Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” – Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Let All Things Now Living” FWS #2008 (VV 1, 2)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

CALL TO WORSHIP

For God alone our souls wait in silence.
Our hope is from God.
God is our rock and our salvation.
God is our refuge and our deliverance.
Trust in God at all times, in all places.
Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.
All people are valuable in God’s sight.
No one is more important than another.
Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.
Open your lives to God’s steadfast love.
All power in the universe belongs to God.
Yet God depends on our faithful service.

***HYMN** “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH #428 (VV 1, 2, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We await your message, God of all places and times. Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to people with whom we seem to have little in common. Speak your truth to us in this service as we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgement. O God, we want to

return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that can cut us off from you. Hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The people of wicked Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on the garments of repentance. They begged God to turn around what seemed so inevitable – their own destruction. God listened, and they were saved. The present form of our world is passing away. God has better things in store for us than we have yet known. Our lives, enlisted in God’s realm, can count for something good. Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“The Lily of the Valley” – arr Pethel
Sololist: Sharon Lensky, soprano
& The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH #349 (2X)

SERMON

Dr. Robert Carle

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”
The Chancel Choir

W&S #3107

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people – for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH #261 (VV 1, 3, 5)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH #261 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

January 2024

28th – Diane Puchta

February 2024

4th – Danny Gastelua

11th – Betty Gastelua

18th – Lois Muller

25th – Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 2024

28th - Rita & John

February 2024

4th – Faustina & Vicki

11th – Smith/Muller

18th – Jayme & Diane

25th - 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, 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 and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, January 22nd at 7 p.m.

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **LIE D2D Conference** – Free workshop for church leaders. Saturday, February 3rd at Hampton Bays UMC or Saturday, February 10th at Hicksville UMC. 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. See the flyer for more details.
- **LIE Youth Retreat** – Camp Quinipet – April 5th-7th for Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details.

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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

You may pick up your offering envelopes for 2024 in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't see your envelopes or if you would like to get a set of offering envelopes, please let Dwight Andrews or Pastor know.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

The 2024 Spring Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

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